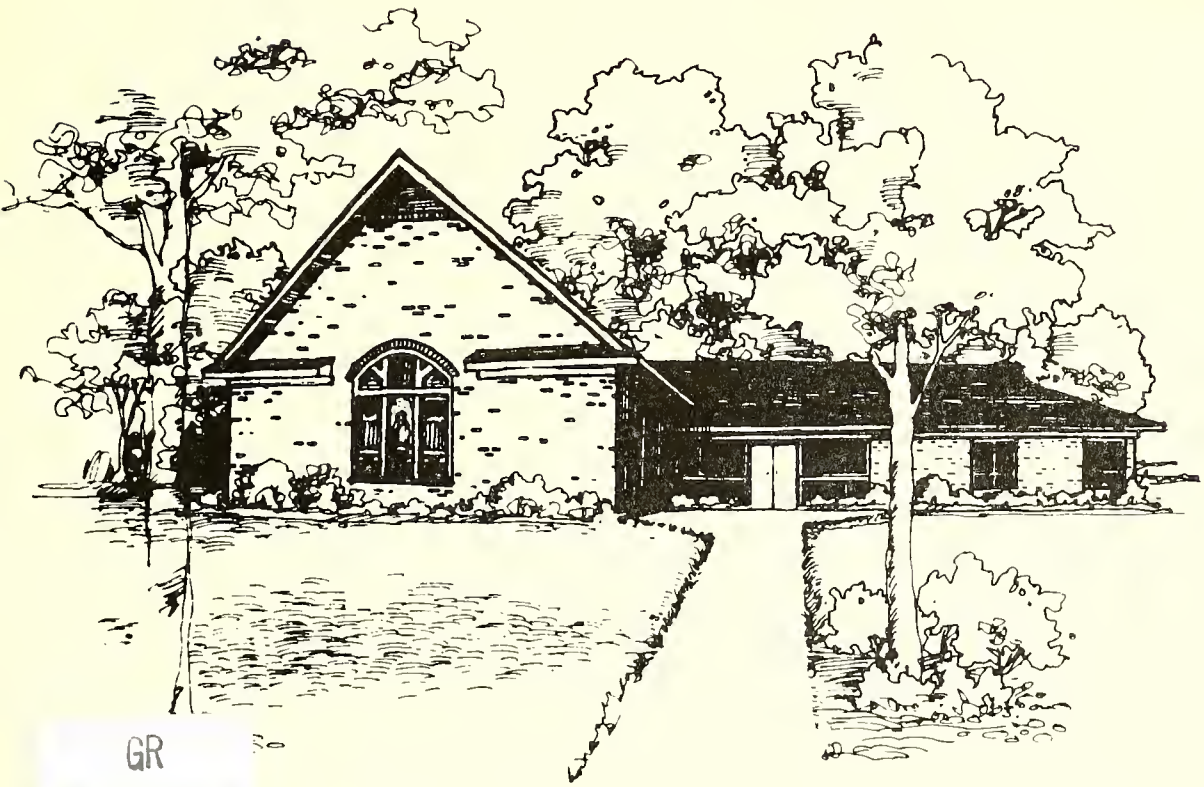
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We have tried to tell the story from original sources and pictures. We have used the material which was given us. If we have omitted information which should have been here,we are sorry but we asked again and again for pictures. We have included the pictures of the first four pastors and of the early bishops. We did not have permission to cut out their pictures so we had to include some who had no connection with Woodland . Woodland was in the Virginia Conference until 1890 and thus the first pastors were members of the Virginia Conference.

There have been three names. Woodland Methodist Episcopal Church South. Then in 1939 when union came with the Methodist Protestant and the Methodist Episcopal Church ,it was Woodland Methodist Church. Then in 1970 with the Union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, it became Woodland United Methodist Church.

We have included the 1880 Census of Woodland. We have identified some of the 18 houses. Hous number 1 is now Mrs. Mae Whisnant,2 is the lot where Dr. Clifton Parker built his house which now belongs to Carlton Purser, 4 is very probably Dr. Stanley's house,7 is where Anna and Molly Burgwyn live, 11 is where Mr. &Mrs. Bill Burgwyn live, 8 is the lot on which the Raymond Benthall Jr. house is located.

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The History of Woodland United Methodist Church should begin with the heart warming experience of John Wesley in 1738 but so begins every Methodist church. I would like to begin with the Conference of 1773 with the appointment of Robert Williams to Petersburg. He was probably the first Methodist to visit North Carolina. In 1774 three men, John Wade, Isaac Rollins and Samuel Spragg were assigned to Brunswick Circuit which extended from Petersburg into North Carolina. In 1775 Brunswick Circuit had 800 members and received the following ministers: George Shadford, Robert Lindsay, Edward Droomgoole, Robert Williams, and William Glendenning. In 1776 North Carolina Circuit had 683 members and was assigned Edward Droomgoole, Francis Poythress and Isaac Tatum. In 1777 North Carolina Circuit had 930 members and was assigned John King, John Dickins, Lee Roy Cole, and Edward Pride. In 1778 Carolina Circuit was assigned John Cooper, Henry Kennedy and William Duke.

Notice that the North Carolina Circuit had been formed within 4 years and then had 683 members. These preachers preached first of all in the homes of any who would permit it. Then they preached in the Parish Churches and Chapels of the Anglican Church when the Pastor or Vestry permitted it. They also followed the Anglican custom of preaching in the Courthouse. This explains why in many places the Anglicans and Methodists were late in establishing churches in courthouse towns.

There is considerable disagreement as to which were the first Methodist Churches in America. However in the Brunswick Circuit, on Nov 5 1775, Francis Asbury records that met George Shadford at Samuel Yeargin's Chapel. I am unable to locate this chapel but it is thought to have been in Brunswick County. This is supposed to be the first chapel built in Brunswick Circuit. On December 10 1775, Francis Asbury rode to Joseph Lane's in Sussex County and preached twice in their new house, thirty feet by 24 feet. "We have 60 persons ins society here". On December 13 1775, Asbury returned to Lane's chapel to preach Joseph Lane's funeral. In his will Mr Lane left the Chapel to the Methodist Society forever. Recently with the aid of the Clerk of Sussex Court, Mr. Cary Williams, we have located the land of Joseph Lane. It was about 2 miles West of where route 628 from Wakefield crosses the Southampton line. This is to date the earliest Chapel in the Brunswick circuit which has a date upon which it was given to the Methodists. The last mention of Lane's chapel is in a will of Hezekiah Burt in 1826. It was not in existence in 1847. Joseph Lane's son, Drury Lane, was a local Preacher and was ordained Deacon 20 April 1791 and his ordination paper is signed by Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke. On 22 of April 1789, Henry Rose of Sussex County was ordained by Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke. These two ordination papers are the earliest I have seen.

These two men represent the large number of men who became local preachers but never became traveling preachers. However they were assigned duties by the traveling preacher which they fulfilled to the best of their ability and also taking care of their families by farming or working at some trade.

The second class of local preachers were traveling preachers who stopped travelling and were were said to be located. However most of them to the End of their days considered themselves Methodist Preachers and were considered so by the people they ministered to. The Methodist movement could not have spread so fast nor so permanently without the support of the local preachers.

here were the earliest preaching places of the Methodists in Northampton County. The Courthouse,The Parish Church near present MtCarmel which became know as Smith Church and which was a Methodist Appointment in 1847 as well as a Baptist and which later was deeded to the Baptist and replaced by Mt. Carm St Pauls Chapel which was located just South of Pendleton and so ledgend says was named for Mr. Roberts who fell off the roof and died "Roberts Chapel ". It was a Methodist Appointment in 1847 and was deeded to Silas Edwards in 1853 for the Baptists. Bridges Creek Chapel Where Asbury preached in March 1785. Doctor P.'s house in 1784 where Asbury preached and went on to preach at the Courthouse and went home with Anthony Moore. In 1788 Asbury preached at Moore's and remarked they had grown from 11 to 60. This probably was Anthony Moores Chapel which was still an appointment in 1847 but seems never to have been deeded to the Methodist. (This seems to have been the case with not only Methodists but Episcopal Churches in a number of places.) In 1799 Asbury preached in the New Rehoboth Meeting House. In 1801 he preached at Condord Mee ing House and went home with Thomas Dupree. In 1802 He preached atRehoboth and also at Anthony Moores . In 1804 He ordained Richard Whitaker a Deacon at Rehoboth. In 1804 he preached at J. Pinna's. In 1801 He had preached at Rehoboth, taken a little gruel at Brother Grant's and ridden 8 miles to lodge with Joseph Pinner. Brother Grant was eith=r Jm Grant,his brother Absalom or their Uncle John Grant ,the Grandfather of Reverend William Grant who figures large in the establishmt of Woodland Methodist Church. Joseph Pinner is son of John Pinner a Quaker and is founder of Pinner's church.

The first deed in Northampton County for a Methodist church is dated 179; NOT 1783 as several have recorded it. Howell Hobbs of Brunswick co. Virginia to Matthew Myrick and Nathaniel Mason of Brunswick County and Henry King and John Moore of Northampton for one Acre of Land. The restriction was put on this property was that the Methodist Episcopal Church whould have it as long as the Preachers used Mr. Wesley's notes on the New Testament and preache his four Volumes of Sermons. THIS WAS NOT THE DEED FOR CONCORD CHURCH.

Many people have said so but Northampton county borders Greensville County a short distance from Concord Church. Hobbs land was in the extreme western part of Northampton county. It touched the Roanoke River and also the county line ,either Brunswick or Halifax. What was its name? March 19th Asbury preached at Myrick Chapel (1800) and the next day at Droomgoole Chapel. (Edward Droomgoole had located and lived near Gasburg Va in Brunswick County.) April 7 1801 Asbury stayed at Droomgoole's. On the 8th he says" Dromyrick Chapel had been removed and enlarged for the conferences,Thursday, Friday and Monday in Conference. Monday we finished our conference and I recommenced my northern March,preaching at Dromgoole's (now Mason's chapel. (This proves that Dromyrick Chapel and Dromgoole Chapel were not the same altho the Conference Session is listed as being at Dromgooles Chapel. However Dromyrick is not a name that would be mistakenly be written for Dromgoole but Dromgoole might be written for Dromyrick by one used to the name Dromgoole. Asbury again went to Matthew Myricks and preached at Dromyrick new meeting houseFriday Feb 12 1802. Perhaps this first deed had a church named Myrick built on it and then they moved it perhaps on Matthew Myrick's land and named is Dromyrick to honor Edward Droomgoole as well as Matthew Myrick.

In 1794 Joel Smith deeded to Jesse Jordon,Isham Fennel,Thomas Dupree,John Luke, Charles Harrison,Robert Finney, and Batte Jordon ,part of whom lived in Greensville Co Va,Trustees. THIS WAS NOT SMITH'S OLD CHURCH as many have said,but THIS IS THE DEED FOR CONCORD CHURCH. Concord is close to the Greensville Va line,Asbury went home with Thomas Dupree after preaching at Concord in 1801 and Dupree's crossroads is a short distance from Concord.

In Deed Book 10 Page 412 Eliphas Lewis for 1 pound sold one acre of land to Richard Whitaker,William Brewer,Absalom Grant,William Grant and Matthew Griffin. Richard Whitaker married in 1787 Nancy Peete daughter of Dr. Samuel Peete and his wife Mary. Richard Whitaker's daughter Nancy married James Harris Grant son of William Grant. James Harris Grant married secondly Rebecca Sims daughter of Dr. Richard Sims and grandaughter of Edward Droomgoole of Brunswick co. Va. In 1796 ,Asbury states,"I rode to see Richard Whitaker and his wife after several years of absence. I found myself in the old house where the mother and father died. I remember well what passed when I was here last-- the distress of the doctor and his kindness to me in the year 1785." From this some have deduced that Richard Whitaker's father was a doctor. However in 1785 we find Asbury saying "I rode to Dr. Peets: This man has given up family and private Prayer ,and yet is in distress about his soul." This was on Monday April 25 and on April 26th he records "I preached at Bridge Creek Chapel. I was very ill and was tempted to think the Lord was about to lay me aside, or take me away,and detain Dr Coke in America." These are the only references to Northampton County that I can find in Asbury's Journal for 1785. It is my belief that Asbury was talking about Dr. Peete . I think Richard Whitaker's father lived in Halifax county and was the Richard Sr of that county.
Asbury visited Rehoboth at least four times.

Deed Book 13 page 292 Henry Meacham made a deed to Charles Malone,Jesse Collier, William McGregor,Joseph Norwood,Jesse Archer and Seth Peebles trustees. This was for Lebanon Church. In 1803 Asbury and companions got to Seth Peebles so late at night that they called him from his downy bed.

Deed Book 25 page 147 ,Jame Hill and wife Nancy deeded 1 acre to Samuel Wells, Daniel Southall,Samuel Everitte and John Deacon of Hertford County and to Etheldred Martin,Nathan Britton,Matthew Williamson,Joseph Pinner and John Pinner of Northampton. This was Providence Methodist Church. It seems that they built another building in 1839 since Henry White deeded one acre on the road from Cross Roads to Peasley's mill to John B. Sherrod,Joseph B. Sykes,William Atkinson, Sam Brittle,Etheldred Garris,Jesse Ely and George W. Powell. The 1864 map of Northampton shows Providence Church as very close to the Hertford line. Deed Book [illegible] In 1913 the land was deeded upon which the Cavern Methodist Church [illegible].

Deed Book 26 page 425 ,Joseph Pinner gave 1 acre to Richard Whitaker, [illegible] Grant,James Grant,Joseph Pinner,John Robbins and James Trient. They obtained 2 acres from Jeremiah Carter in 1873 and either moved the church or tore it down and built new since in 1875 they sold the land where Pinners church use to stand on the south side of the road from Richsquare to Harrell's Store. The building was sold a few years ago to a Black congregation.

Joseph Pinner was born March 13 1769 son of John Pinner and Clarky Henby who were married in 1767 in Perquimmons County where she lived. They were Quakers. John Pinner was from Isle of Wight Co Va. He died Dec. 10 1772 in Northampton County shortly before the birth of his fourth child. Joseph and John Jr were trustees in 1816 of Providence Church. Asbury preached at Joseph Pinners in 1804,1807 and 1812 .

In 1821 Oak Grove Church was established in the western part of the county. David H. Clements deeded land to William Miles, John Weaver, Howell Peebles, Thomas Moore and John Blythe.

In 1824 James Rose deeded land to Carter Jones, Shadrack Grant, James Wheeler, William Boone and Hozekiah Reville. This was for the New Hope Church near Lasker.

IN 1822 Joel Pearse and wife Jinsey (Jane Allen daughter of John Allen and wife Tabitha) deeded 2 acres to Josse Britton, Nathan Britton, William Grant, Carter Jones, and Newett Grant. This was for Zion Church. This property was sold by the trustees of Zion to James Ira Deloatch in 1897. In 1828 Zion Trustees bought 7 and 3/4 Acres from John and Milly Fly.

In 1836 , Benjamin Spivey sold land to Merritt Hill, Kinchen Pope, Hardy Cobb, Amos Stephenson and Solomon Bracy. This was for Plesant Grove Church.

In 1839, Micajah Garris deeded land to George W. Powell, John b. Sherrod, Henry White, Samuel Britton, Jesse Fly, Etheldred Garris, William Wood, Willie Edwards and Joseph B. Sykes. This is for Sharon Church.

In 1845, Samuel Calvert deeded ½ acre to Herod Faison, Shadrack Grant, Joseph Bell, Newett Grant, Daniel Ellis, Moritt Hill, Samuel B. Spruell and Cyprian Cross. This was the Jackson church.

IN 1849 , Edmund Wilkins deeded land to Nathaniel Mason, William Miles, Henry A. House, Sterling C. Pearson, Edward Lorocock, Peter Walker John Ingram, Willis Sledge, and Pearson Woodruff. Said lot in town of Gaston. This was sold in 1859.

In 1849, Roderick Gary to John B. Odom, Herod Faison, Jeremiah Drew, David Ellis and Benjamin Miles a lot near Garysburg.

IN 1847 the pastor of the Northampton circuit was the Reverennd John W. White. He listed his appointments in the Advocate for Dec. 1847 as Rehoboth, New Hope, Pinners, Zion, Robert's Chapel, Sharon, Bynum's, Concord, Moore's, Lebanon, Bethel, Smith's Church, Pleasant Grove and Jackson.

Greensville Circuit in 1847 included two churches in Northampton County Oak Grove and Gaston. In 1850 Greensville Circuit still had Oak Grove and Gaston and also Bynum and Bethel (Hence I think these were not in Northampton.) The only church missing in 1847 is Providence which might have been on a circuit with the Hertford county churches? These churches were not listed.

MINUTES

OF

SOME CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE PREACHERS

IN CONNECTION WITH

THE REV. MR. JOHN WESLEY.

PHILADELPHIA, JUNE, 1773.

The following queries were proposed to every preacher:—

1. Ought not the authority of Mr. Wesley, and that Conference, to extend to the preachers and people in America as well as in Great Britain and Ireland?

Ans. Yes.

2. Ought not the doctrine and discipline of the Methodists, as contained in the Minutes, to be the sole rule of our conduct, who labour in the connection with Mr. Wesley in America?

Ans. Yes.

3. If so, does it not follow that if any preachers deviate from the Minutes we can have no fellowship with them till they change their conduct?

Ans. Yes.

The following rules were agreed to by all the preachers present:—

1. Every preacher who acts in connection with Mr. Wesley and the brethren who labour in America is strictly to avoid administering the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper.

2. All the people among whom we labour to be earnestly exhorted to attend the Church, and receive the ordinances there; but in a particular manner to press the people in Maryland and Virginia to the observance of this minute.

3. No person or persons to be admitted into our love-feasts oftener than twice or thrice unless they become members; and none to be admitted to the society meetings more than thrice.

4. None of the preachers in America to reprint any of Mr. Wesley's books without his authority (when it can be gotten) and the consent of their brethren.

5. Robert Williams to sell the books he has already printed, but to print no more, unless under the above restrictions.

6. Every preacher who acts as an assistant to send an account of the work once in six months to the general assistant.

Quest. 1. *How are the preachers stationed?*

New-York, Thomas Rankin, to change in four months.

Philadelphia, George Shadford, to change in four months.

New-Jersey, John King, William Watters.

Baltimore, Francis Asbury, Robert Strawbridge, Abraham Whitworth, Joseph Yearbry.

Norfolk, Richard Wright.

Petersburg, Robert Williams.

Quest. 2. *What numbers are there in the Society?*

New-York	180
Philadelphia	180
New-Jersey	200
Maryland	500
Virginia	100
	1160

Preachers 10.

Quest. 1. *What preachers are admitted this year?*

Joseph Cromwell, William Gill, Thos. M'Clure, John Littlejohn, John Tunnell, Isham Tatum, Samuel Strong, Thomas S. Chew, Edward Bailey, Carter Cole, John Dickins—11.

Quest. 2. *What preachers remain on trial?*

Henry Willis, John Beck, Richard Ivy, Philip Adams, William Moore, John Atkins, James O'Kelly, Richard Ogburn, Daniel Duvall—9.

Quest. 3. *What preachers act as assistants?*

William Watters, Edward Drumgole, Wm. Glendenning, James Foster, Freeborn Garrettson, Henry Kennedy, John Littlejohn, Francis Poythress, John Dickins, Isham Tatum, Lee Roy Cole, Reuben Ellis—12.

Quest. 4. *Where are the preachers stationed?*

New-Jersey, Daniel Ruff.
Kent, Freeborn Garrettson, Joseph Hartley, John Littlejohn.
Caroline, John Cooper, Henry Kennedy, William Duke.
Baltimore, Joseph Cromwell, John Tunnell, Thomas M'Clure, John Beck.
Fairfax, William Watters, Daniel Duvall.
Berkley, Edward Bailey.
Hanover, Francis Poythress, Nicholas Watters.
Fluvanna, Isham Tatum, Richard Ivy.
Amelia, Reuben Ellis, Samuel Strong.
Brunswick, John Dickins, Edward Pride.
Sussex, Edward Drumgole.
Lunenburg, James Foster.
Roanoke, William Glendenning.
Pittsylvania, William Gill, John Major, Henry Willis.
James City, Isaac Rollins.

Quest. 5. *What numbers are in Society?*

Members 6095. Preachers 29.

Quest. 6. *Who shall act as general stewards?*

William Moore, Henry Fry.

Quest. 7. *What was done with the balance of the collection?*

Lodged with Henry Fry.

Quest. 8. *What shall the preachers be allowed for quarterage?*

Eight pounds, Virginia currency.

The last Friday in August is appointed for a fast day.

MINUTES

OF SOME CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE PREACHERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REV. MR. JOHN WESLEY.

KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE, APRIL 23, 1779.

Quest. 1. *What preacher is admitted this year?*

Caleb B. Pedicord.

Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

Joshua Dudley, Philip Cox, Richard Garrettson, Lewis Alfrey—4.

Quest. 3. *Who desist from travelling?*

Robert Clond, William Duke—2.

Quest. 4. *What preachers act as assistants?*

Francis Asbury, Daniel Ruff, Joseph Hartley, Freeborn Garrettson, Thomas M'Clure, Caleb B. Pedicord—6.

Quest. 5. *Are there any objections to any of the preachers?*

They were examined one by one.

Quest. 1. *What preachers are admitted this year?*

Nicholas Watters, John Sigman, Joseph Hartley, James Foster, Freeborn Garrettson, Thomas M'Clure, Isham Tatum, William Wren—8.

Quest. 2. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*

Caleb B. Pedicord, Hollis Hanson, Robert Wooster, Joseph Cromwell, Thos. S. Chew, John Tunnell, Samuel Strong, William Gill, John Littlejohn, Edward Pride, Leo Roy Cole, John Dickins, Reuben Ellis, Edward Bailey—14.

Quest. 3. *Who act as assistants this year?*

Thomas Rankin, Francis Asbury, Martin Rodda, George Shadford, Edward Drumgole, William Watters, Philip Gatch, Daniel Ruff, Samuel Spragg, James Foster, John King, William Duke, William Glendenning, Robert Lindsay—14.

Quest. 4. *Are there any objections to any of the preachers?*

They were examined one by one.

Quest. 5. *How are the preachers stationed?*

New-York,
Philadelphia, William Duke.
New-Jersey, Henry Kennedy, Thomas M'Clure.
Chester, Robert Lindsay.
Kent, Martin Rodda, William Glendenning, Joseph Cromwell, Robert Wooster.
Baltimore, George Shadford, Joseph Hartley, John Littlejohn, William Gill.
Frederick, Samuel Spragg, Caleb B. Pedicord.
Fairfax, Daniel Ruff, John Cooper, Thos. S. Chew, Isaac Rollins.
Hanover, James Foster, Nicholas Watters, Samuel Strong.
Amelia, Edward Drumgole, Joseph Reese, Reuben Ellis.
Brunswick, William Watters, Freeborn Garrettson, John Tunnell.
Sussex, Philip Gatch, Hollis Hanson.
Pittsylvania, John Sigman, Isham Tatum.
North Carolina, John King, John Dickins, Lee Roy Cole, Edward Pride.
Norfolk, Edward Bailey.

Quest. 6. *What numbers are in Society?*

New-York	96
Philadelphia	96
New-Jersey	100
Chester	126
Kent	720
Baltimore	900
Annapolis	120
Frederick	361
Fairfax	330
Hanover	252
Amelia	600
Brunswick	1360
Sussex	727
Pittsylvania	150
North Carolina	930
	6968

Preachers 36.

Friday, July 25, is appointed as a fast day.

Quest. 6. *As the present distress is such, are the preachers resolved to take no step to detach themselves from the work of God for the ensuing year?*

We purpose, by the grace of God, not to take any step that may separate us from the brethren, or from the blessed work in which we are engaged.

Quest. 8. *Has not the preaching of funeral sermons been carried so far as to prostitute that venerable custom, and in some sort to render it contemptible?*

Yes. Therefore let all the preachers inform every society, that we will not preach any but for those who we have reason to think died in the fear and favour of God.

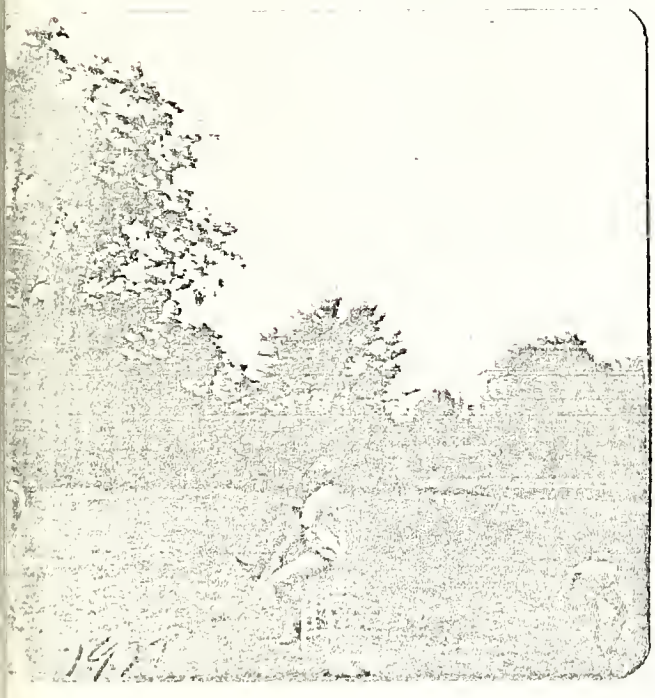
Fund raising at the Fair Booth between 1935 and 1939

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Middle Row: Mrs. Harvey Ward, Mrs. Josie Burgwyn, Mrs. Mabel Parker, Miss Janie Brown.
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Fun and Fund raising in 1977
Throwing Water Filled Balloons

at Dr. Stanley



at Bill Burgwyn



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OF SOME CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE PREACHERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REV. MR. JOHN WESLEY.

PHILADELPHIA, MAY 25, 1774.

Quest. 1. *Who are admitted this year?*

William Watters, Abraham Whitworth, Joseph Yearbry, Philip Gatch, Philip Ebert—5.

Quest. 2. *Who are admitted on trial?*

William Duke, John Wade, Daniel Ruff, Edward Drumgole, Isaac Rollins, Robert Lindsay, Samuel Spragg—7.

Quest. 3. *Who are assistants this year?*

Thomas Rankin, Francis Asbury, Geo. Shadford, Robert Williams, John King, Abraham Whitworth, Daniel Ruff, William Watters, Philip Gatch—9.

Quest. 4. *Are there any objections to any of the preachers?*

They were examined one by one.

Quest. 5. *How are the preachers stationed this year?*

New-York, Francis Asbury, to change in three months.
Philadelphia, Thomas Rankin, to change in three months.
Trenton, William Watters.
Greenwich, Philip Ebert.
Chester, Daniel Ruff, Joseph Yearbry, to change with Wm. Watters and P. Ebert.
Kent, Abraham Whitworth.
Baltimore, George Shadford, Edward Drumgole, Richard Webster, Robert Lindsay.
Frederick, Philip Gatch, William Duke.
Norfolk, John King.
Brunswick, John Wade, Isaac Rollins, Samuel Spragg.

All the preachers to change at the end of six months.

Quest. 6. *What numbers are there in Society?*

New-York	322
Philadelphia	204
New-Jersey	257
Chester	36
Baltimore	738
Frederick	175
Norfolk	73
Brunswick	218
Kent	150
Preachers 17.	2073

This Conference agreed to the following particulars:—

1. Every preacher who is received into full connection is to have the use and property of his horse, which any of the circuits may furnish him with.

2. Every preacher to be allowed six pounds, Pennsylvania currency, per quarter, and his travelling charges besides.

3. For every assistant to make a general collection at Easter in the circuits where they labour, to be applied to the sinking of the debts on the houses, and relieving the preachers in want.

4. Wherever Thomas Rankin spends his time, he is to be assisted by those circuits.

MINUTES

OF SOME CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE PREACHERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REV. MR. JOHN WESLEY.

PHILADELPHIA, MAY 17, 1775.

Quest. 1. *What preachers are admitted this year?*

William Duke, John Wade, Daniel Ruff, Edward Drumgole, Isaac Rollins, Samuel Spragg—6.

Quest. 2. *Who are admitted upon trial?*

John Cooper, Robert Lindsay, William Glendenning—3.

Quest. 3. *Who act as assistants this year?*

Thomas Rankin, Francis Asbury, Geo. Shadford, James Dempster, Martin Rodda, Edward Drumgole, William Watters, Philip Gatch, Daniel Ruff—9.

Quest. 4. *How are the preachers stationed?*

New-York, James Dempster.
Philadelphia, Samuel Spragg.
Trenton, John King, Daniel Ruff.
Greenwich, William Duke.
Chester, Richard Webster.
Kent, Philip Gatch, John Cooper.
Baltimore, Martin Rodda, Richard Owings, John Wade.
Frederick, Wm. Watters, Robert Strawbridge.
Norfolk, Francis Asbury.
Brunswick, Geo. Shadford, Robert Lindsay, Edward Drumgole, Robert Williams, William Glendenning.

Thomas Rankin is to travel till the month of December, and then take a quarter in New-York.

The preachers in New-Jersey to change in one quarter.

Webster and Cooper to change with Gatch and Watters at the end of six months.

The preachers in Brunswick and Hanover to change as the assistant thinks proper.

Thomas Rankin's deficiencies to be paid out of the yearly collection.

The preachers' expenses from Conference to their circuits to be paid out of the yearly collection.

A general fast for the prosperity of the work, and for the peace of America, on Tuesday, the 18th of July.

Quest. 5. *What numbers are there in Society?*

New-York	200
Philadelphia	100
New-Jersey	300
Chester	74
Kent	253
Baltimore	810
Frederick	326
Fairfax	30
Norfolk	125
Brunswick	900
Preachers 19.	3148

MINUTES

OF SOME CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE PREACHERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REV. MR. JOHN WESLEY.

BALTIMORE, MAY 21, 1776.

Quest. 1. *What preachers are admitted this year?*

John Cooper, Robert Lindsay, William Glendenning, Henry Kennedy, Samuel Spragg—5.

Quest. 2. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*

Nicholas Watters, John Sigman, Joseph Hartley, Francis Poythress, James Foster, Freeborn Garrettson, Thomas M'Clure, Isham Tatum, William Wren—9.

Quest. 3. *What preachers act as assistants?*

Thomas Rankin, Francis Asbury, Martin Rodda, George Shadford, Philip Gatch, William Watters, Daniel Ruff, Edward Drumgole, Samuel Spragg—9.

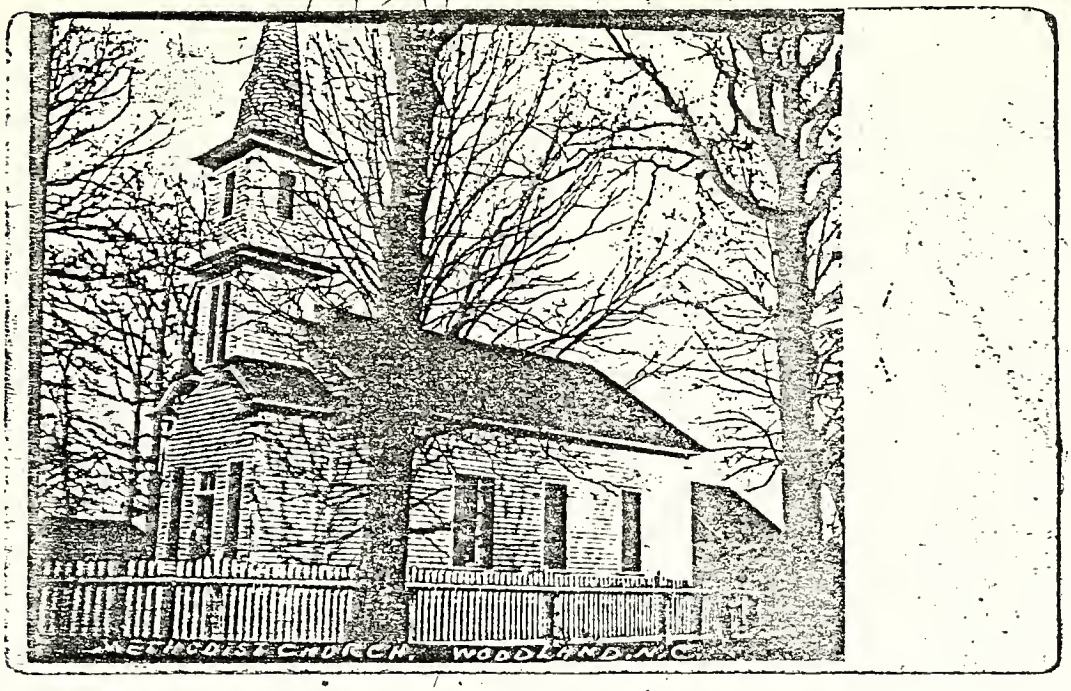
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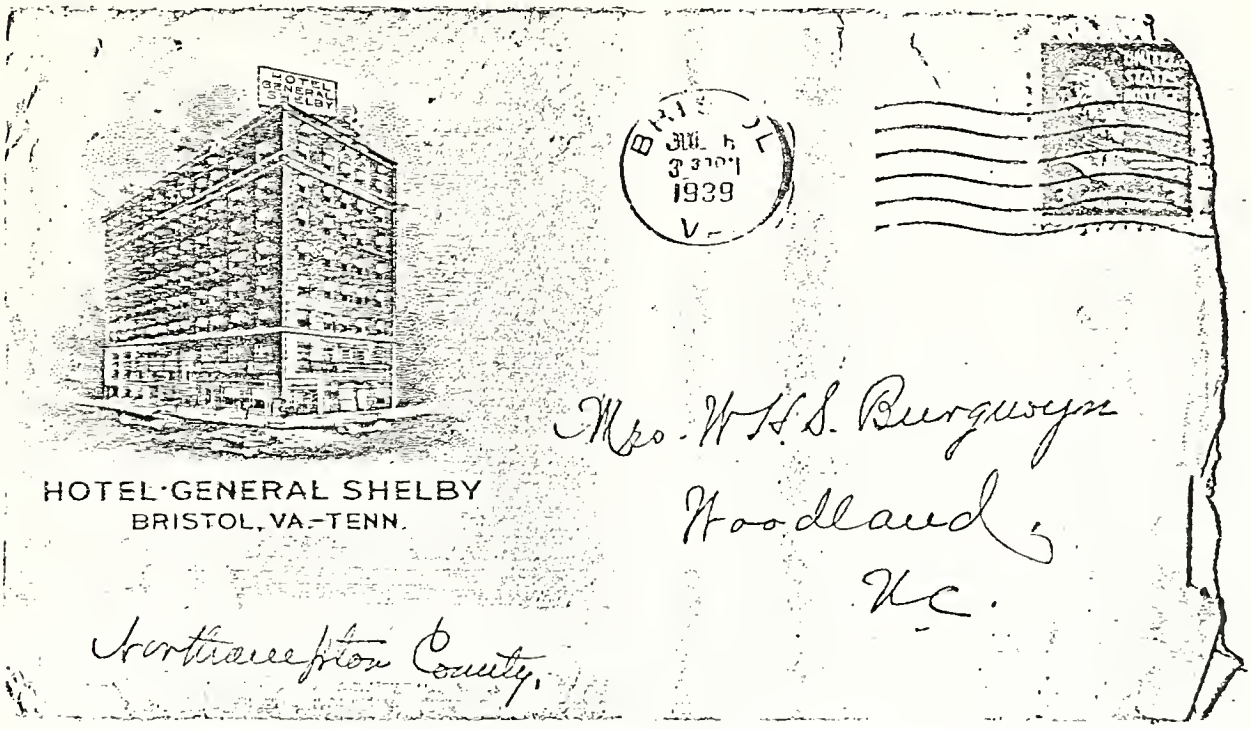
New-York, Daniel Ruff.
Philadelphia, Samuel Spragg.
New-Jersey, Rob't. Lindsay, John Cooper.
Kent, Nicholas Watters, William Wren, Joseph Hartley.
Baltimore, Francis Asbury, James Foster, John Wade.
Frederick, Martin Rodda, Freeborn Garrettson.
Fairfax, Wm. Watters, Thomas M'Clure, Adam Fornerdon.
Brunswick, George Shadford, Wm. Duke, Wm. Glendenning.
Carolina, Edward Drumgole, Francis Poythress, Isham Tatum.
Pittsylvania, Isaac Rollins.
Hanover, Philip Gatch, John Sigman.

Quest. 5. *What numbers are there in Society?*

New-York	132
Philadelphia	137
New-Jersey	150
Chester	104
Baltimore	900
Frederick	359
Fairfax	350
Norfolk	125
Brunswick	1611
North-Carolina	683
Hanover	270
Pittsylvania	100
Preachers 24.	4921

July 26 is appointed a day of fasting


METHODIST CHURCH WOODLAND N.C.


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Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn
Woodland,
N.C.
Northampton County.



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July 6-1939

Dear Josie:- Many thanks for the History of Woodland M. E. Church, and the dedicatory procedings. I have gone over this history carefuely and regret that the credit was not given to the promoters of the first building. For did it give only a few of the original members that composed the original Church membership.

On or about the year 1882. My father purchased two acres of land from the Exum Cuttard estate which he gave to me. for a home site, but as after left Woodland to make his home in Nor and deeded his old home to me. So this lot was without building, some time during the year the Rev. Wm Grant a local preacher over Rehobeth Church, was sitting on the old store porch, fronting this lot, and remarked to me. Which would I rather see on this lot a Church building or a whiskey saloon Of Course My answer was a preference for the C Then he said if you will give me a small lot I will build a church, I ga him the size of lot he wished, and he d on the present situation. So I told him to go and have the deed written and I would give him what he had requested.



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the next step was to get a subscription list, and this was put in the hands of his son in law Dr. Godwin Bryan. he finally turn in a subscription of about $1200.00. of wich $ 800.00 was collected, so it was decided to go on and build. the lumber came from the mill rough. and Wm Scott. a Colored carpenter was employed to put up the Building. all of this lumber had to be hand planed. so you will see it took time to complete, after the completion of the building. the Church was in debt about $600.00 and with a membership of 20 or 25. This was a problem for them to raise, about this time the Dan River railroad building from Boykins Va to Lewiston N.C. had just completed laying track to Lewiston with no stations on said road, I suggested to the Church trustees. that this would be a good Chance to charter train and run an excursion to Norfolk. which was finally done, so we secured enough money on this undertaking to pay off the Church debt. purchase the extra lot. and pay for pulpit Furniture. and piano and oil Chandeliers in the building. This left the Church out of debt and fully Clear.

175 ROOMS - FIRE PROOF



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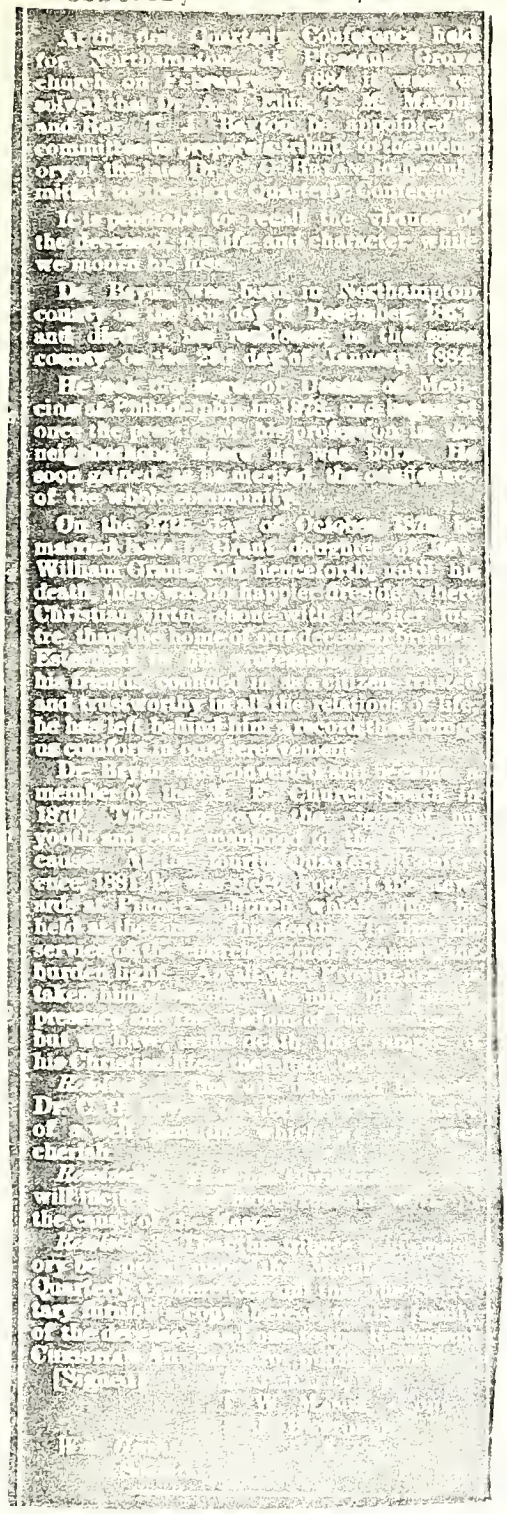
so I think Rev Wm Grant the promoter of the Church and Dr. Bryan who made the dedication for [illegible] with a few others should have due credit for starting and completing the old and origin building, so far as the new church building is concerned I suppose the history is complete, Glad you have accomplished so much and are n clear of debt, and no doubt the publics will gi you and your missionary society full credit for your success in removing all debts, and final dedication, Well enough of this, Viola ha not been well for some time and for the la two weeks has been in bed under the ca & Dr. but she seems to be much better at this time and is around the house part of the da She suffers from Gall bladder, high blood pr and heart trouble, I am as well as could ex pect from an old man that has just past 50 Mile post, Am working as Auditor of the General Shelby Hotel, and put in seven days a week, Hotels have no holidays and we have to be on the job daily, With much love for and family, I remain Yours old friend

(Come to see us.) all- we glad to have you Paul Harris

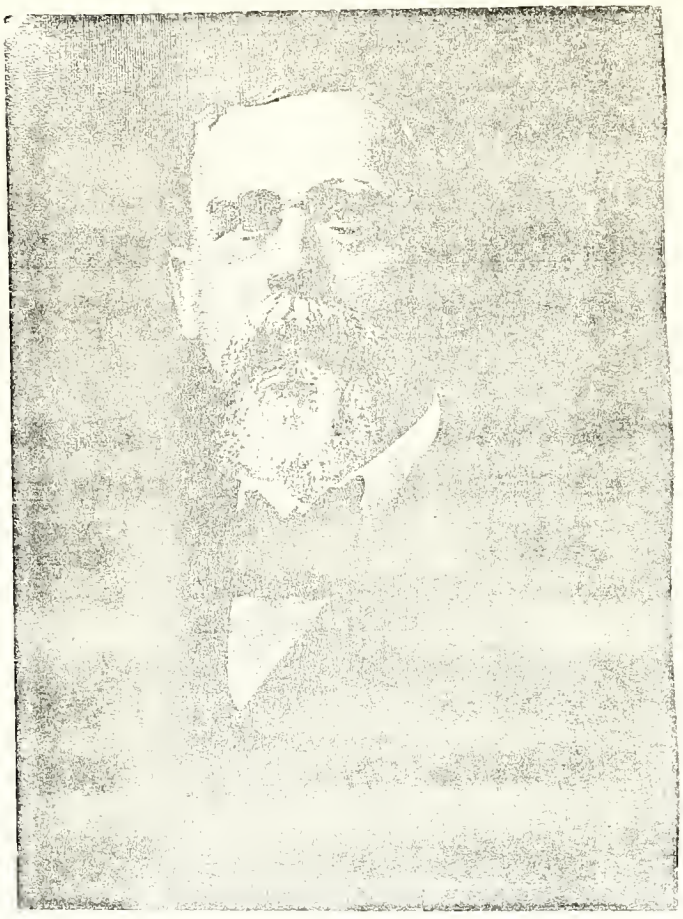
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Some of the Trustees of Woodland Methodist Church in 1883

Obituary of Dr. Bryan

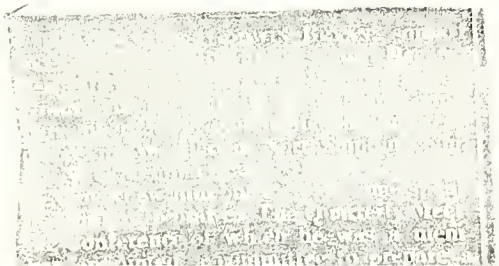


Picture of John Bryan Griffin



Picture of Thomas Boyce





The Trustees of Woodland Methodist Church in 1883 were Dr. Cornelius Godwin Bryan, Wiley Bryan, Reverend William Grant, Junius B. Bryan, Thomas B. Boyce, Paul Harrell and John Bryan Griffin.

Dr. Bryan was son of Wiley Bryan and wife Mary and son-in-law of Reverend William Grant. He lived in the house now inhabited by Bill Burgwyn. He was a member of Pinner's Methodist Church.

Thomas B. Boyce was a member of Pinner's also. He lived where Mrs. Elizabeth Boyce now lives near George.

John Bryan Griffin was a Quaker. He lived where Anna and Molly Burgwyn now live.

Reverend William Grant was born in Northampton County September 9 1818 . Shadrack Grant and Barsheba Lassiter Grant were his parents. He joined the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church but he was ordained elder in 1844 ,the year of the division of the church so that most of his ministry was in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

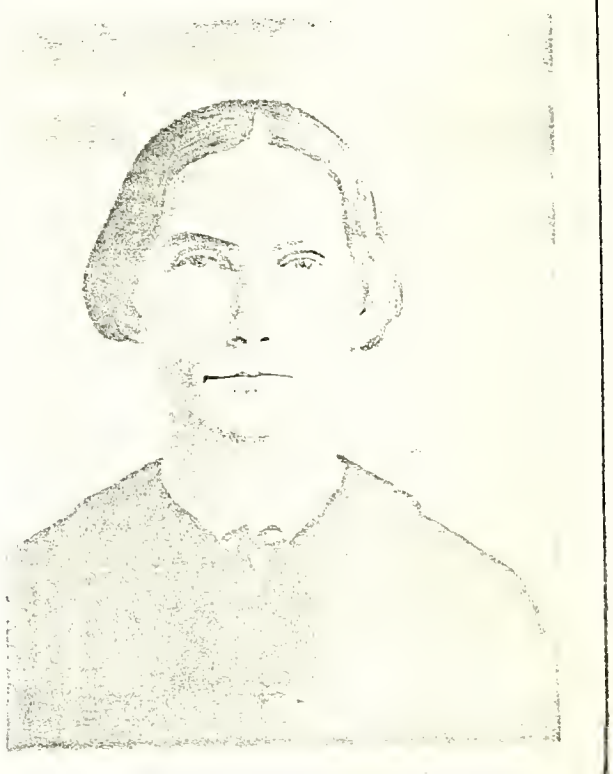
He was pastor of the Northampton Circuit in 1856-1858 . He was pastor of the Roanoke Mission 1858-1865 (a ministry to the Black people of Northampton and surrounding counties. Pastor of Northampton Circuit 1868-1870 and located in 1870. Location ment that he was technically a layman with his membership not in the Conference but in a local church (probably Rehoboth) . However he was active in churches thruout the area of several counties for revival services and even holding services for the Episcopal churches when they were without a pastor. He was also busy in the Grange . He became a magistrate. He went to the General conference in 1874 as a lay delegate and I think he went again.

The Patron and Gleaner Newspaper, published at Lasker published a lengthy obituary. The Editor said that Mr. Grant encourged him to start the paper. General Matt Ransome spoke at the funeral. Dr. Black who was his son-in-law ,having married the widow of Dr. C.G. Bryan, conducted the Funeral. Mr. Grant married Sarah Meadow Feb. 2 1845. He married Mary Frances Hayes 10 May 1866.

picture William Grant



Sarah Meadow Grant

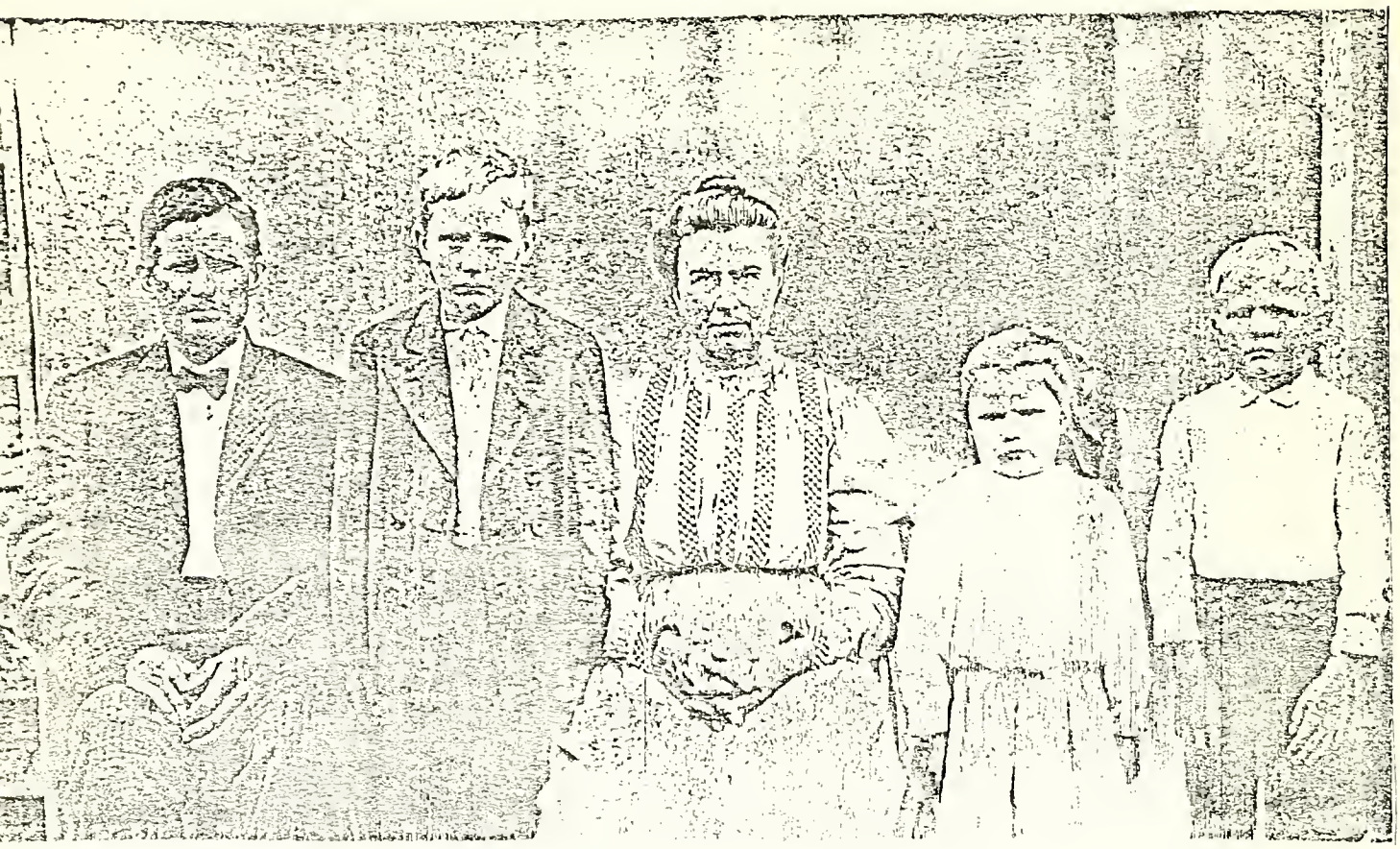


Members of Woodland Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1904

Balance,Sarah
Balance,Daniel
Bolton,Augustus
Bradley,Lizzie
Bradley ,Mrs Georgge
Bradley,Mr. George
Brown,Mary E.
Bryan,Ulyses S.
Bryan,Sadie
Burges,Madona F.
Carter,Isaac
Carter Walter
Copeland,John B.
Cook,A. E.
Davis,Elinda P.
Davis,Minnie C.
Edwards, W.P.
Futrell,Mary E.
Futrell,Mrs. J.I.
Griffin ,Sarah
Griffin,Lauren E.
Griffin,Josie
Griffin,Mollie E.
Johnson,Betty
Lassiter 'Josie
McDaniel,Robert
Outland,'Mollie
Outland,Cla
Pope,Lillian
Pope,Eunice
Pope,Margie
Pope,Mrs. George
Parker,Minnie C.
Parker,Marcell E
Parker,Sarah E.I.
Parker,Essie J.
Parker,Lonnie [illegible]
Parker,Eddie M.
Parker, Callie B.
[illegible]
Vaughan ,Elizabeth
White ,Milo
White,Mary E.
Whitley,Ellen
Whitley,Vaughn Davis
Williams,Mary D.

Some members of Woodland Methodist Church in 1904

Milo Holkom White Mary Frances Bryan White and their children
Benjamin Russell White Elsie May White Stanley Holkom White



Miss Josie Griffin



Mr. Walter W. Carter



*MR. WALTER W. CARTER

Ministers who have served Woodland United Methodist Church

Pastors	Dist. Supt.	Bishops	Year
J.S. Wallace		J.C. Keener	1885
John C. Mass		J.C. Granberry	1886
R.B. Scott		J.C. Granberry	1888
J.M. Campbell		R.K. Hargrove	1889
L.J. Holden		J.C. Keener	1890
G.B. PERRY		A.W. Wilson	1894
Z.T. Harrison		A.W. Wilson	1896
J.R. Sawyer		R.K. Hargrove	1897
J.T. Erwin		O.P. Fitzgerald	1898
W.F. Jones		H.C. Morrison	1900
J.T. Stanford		W.A. Candler	1903
B.C. Thompson		W.A. Candler	1904
W.F. Craven		A.W. Wilson	1908
D.L. Earnhardt		A.W. Wilson	1909
W.C. Merritt		Collins Denny	1912
J.E. Holden		J.C. Kilgo	1915
H.M. Eure		U.V.W. Darlington	1919
Rufus Bradley		Collins Denny	1923
D.A. Clarke		E.D. Mouzon	1926
O. P. Fitzgerald		E.D. Mouzon	1929
W.T. Phipps		E.D. Mouzon	1932
E.C. Crawford	L.C. Larkin	Paul B. Kern	1935
P.F. Newton		W.W. Peele	1939
N.M. Grant		W.W. Peele	1945
H.F. Surratt		W.W. Peele	1949
J.C. Coffin		Paul N. Garber	1951
R.W. Pritchard		Paul N. Garber	1954
R.L. Moore	Walter C. Ball	Paul N. Garber	1958
E.E. Jones	J.W. Page	Paul N. Garber	1961
W.E. Herbert	J.W. Page	Paul N. Garber	1963
C.H. Beale	J.W. Page	Paul N. Garber	1966
C. M. Burgess	J.W. Page	Paul N. Garber	1967
A.K. King Jr.	Paul Carruth	Wm. R. Cannon	1970
Gary Whitcomb	John M. Cline	Robert Blackburn	1974
H. Wayne Grigg	John M. Cline	Robert Blackburn	1975
R.D. Shannonhouse	John M. Cline	Robert Blackburn	1977
John Jay Jansen	Jack L. Hunter	Wm. R. Cannon	1980



Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

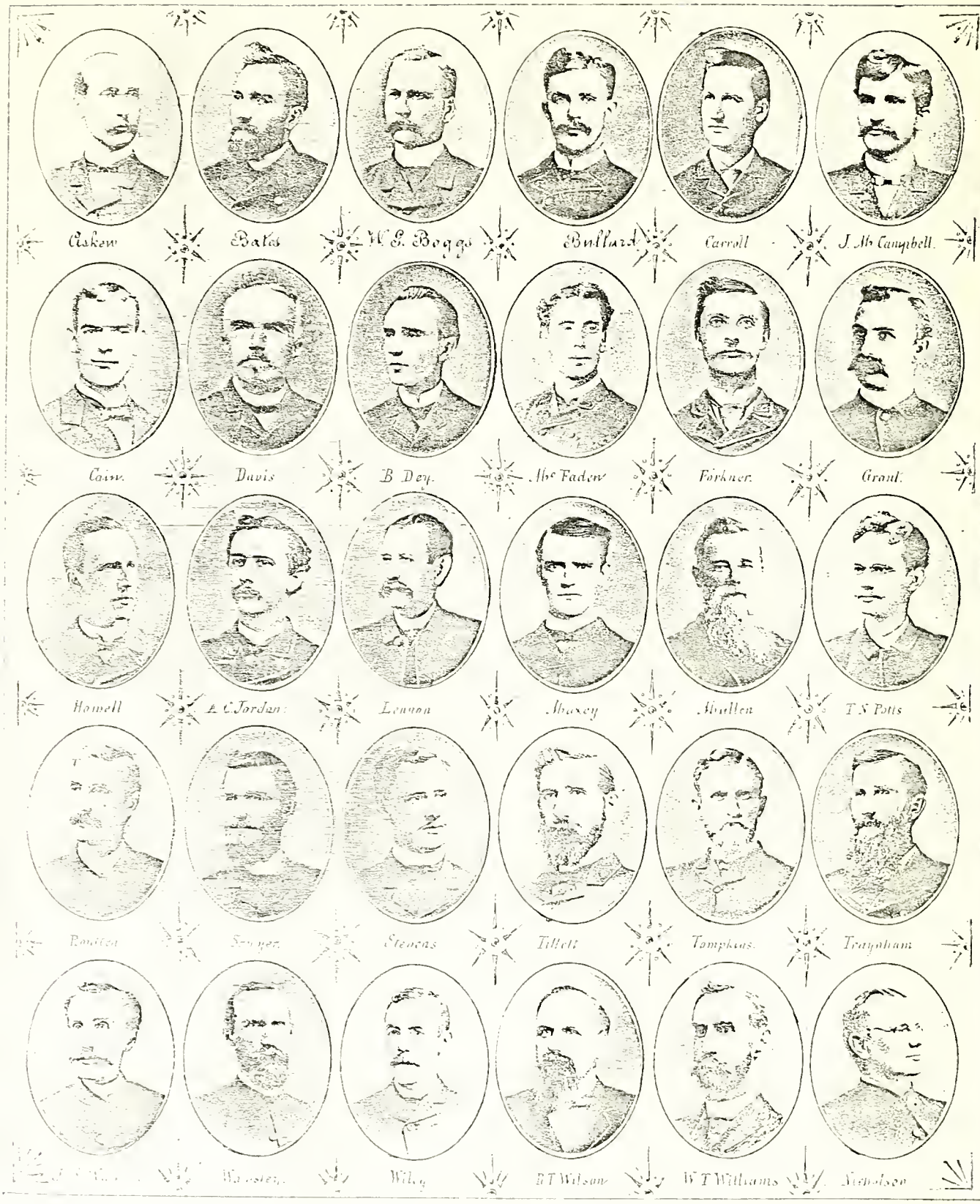
Rev. JOHN S. WALLACE.

Mr. Wallace, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Wallace, was born in Gloucester county, Virginia, October 21, 1854. Before the age of ten years he was an orphan. His misfortune, however, was somewhat mitigated by the kindness, love and labors of an older sister, Mrs. Margaret Anderton, of Gloucester county. He was converted in his sixteenth year under the ministry of Rev. J. C. Martin and joined Bethlehem church. Impelled to the Gospel ministry by an inward voice, he entered, in September, 1877, Randolph-Macon College, and spent two sessions in preparation for the work. In November, 1879, he was received on trial by the Virginia Conference, thence serving the following charges: West Charlotte, Patrick, Berlin, Culpeper, Northampton, Boykins, Atlantic Circuit being his present field of labor.

In November, 1883, he was married to Miss Eva A. West, an estimable lady of Berlin, Maryland.

He was ordained deacon in 1881 at Charlottesville, Virginia, by Bishop McTyeire, and ordained elder by Bishop Pierce at Richmond, Virginia, in 1883.

Mr. Wallace is of medium size; his weight, one hundred and forty-two pounds; height, five feet six inches; hair covers his fine head with dark curls; eyes blue; complexion florid. He is sedate and retiring in his manner. His true worth and character can be known only by intimate association. Dignified in appearance, yet not stiff; unselfish, friendly and affable, with great warmth of spirit. He was known as the "model boy" among his playmates, hence his character and worth are but the fulfilled promise of his boyhood. As a preacher, he is consecrated and faithful; his style chiefly topical, "a fine analyzer, and always engaging." Lucid, strong and edifying in the presentation of his theme, he kindles with his subject, frequently rising to heights of fervor and spiritual power. Honest and bold, preaching to save souls, he handles sin with gloves off, tearing away the whited walls of hypocrisy and empty profession, revealing the rottenness within, and, though coming upon the sinner in his chosen refuge, mingles mercy with judgment, couples the law and the Gospel, placing Calvary by the side of Sinai. Withal, he is a student, finding in the Bible, theology and human nature inviting fields. From the battlefield of his operations in the holy war, prisoners have been taken and many recruits sworn in and uniformed in the name of the King Eternal. So the records show.


Askew
Bates
W. S. Boggs
Bullard
Carroll
J. Mc Campbell.
Cain.
Davis
B Dey.
Mc Faden
Forkner.
Grant.
Howell
A. C. Jordan
Lennon
Massey
Moullen
T. S. Potts
Rankin
Sawyer
Stevens
Tillett
Tompkins.
Traynham
Webster.
Wiley
B T Wilson
W T Williams
Nicholson

Rev. JOHN O. MOSS.

Mr. Moss was born in Mecklenburg county, Virginia, October 9, 1855. His parents were Oswald M. and Margaret J. Moss, members of the Methodist Church; and into this communion the son was baptized and reared. When twelve years of age he joined the Church, but not until four or five years after did he become satisfied of his acceptance with God; alone on his bed, in the silent hours of the night, while praying for the blessing,

"Heaven came down his soul to greet,
And glory crowned the mercy-seat."

He has never had any doubt about his conversion.

His educational advantages were those of the common schools of the neighborhood and two sessions at Randolph-Macon College. In 1877 he joined the Virginia Conference at Lynchburg, and was sent as junior preacher to Gates Circuit; then followed two years on Woodville Mission, one on West Bedford, two on Harrellsville, two on Camden, one on Newsom's, two on Northampton, and he is now serving his first on Dinwiddie.

In 1880 he married Miss Susie Caroline Riddick, a lovely young lady of Hertford county, North Carolina. With the world to pick from, he does not think he could make a better choice.

A degree of prosperity has attended his ministry in every charge, but his most successful years, humanly speaking, were on the Camden and Northampton Circuits.

In person he is large, weighing over two hundred pounds, and accordingly takes rank with the Anakims of the Conference. With a canonically clean face, gray eyes, light complexion, he considers his face a very uncommon one, for he has been mistaken for the late Dr. Munsey, Colonel Mosby, Dr. Hoge and another member of his Conference. Nearly every stranger he meets is reminded by him of some acquaintance.

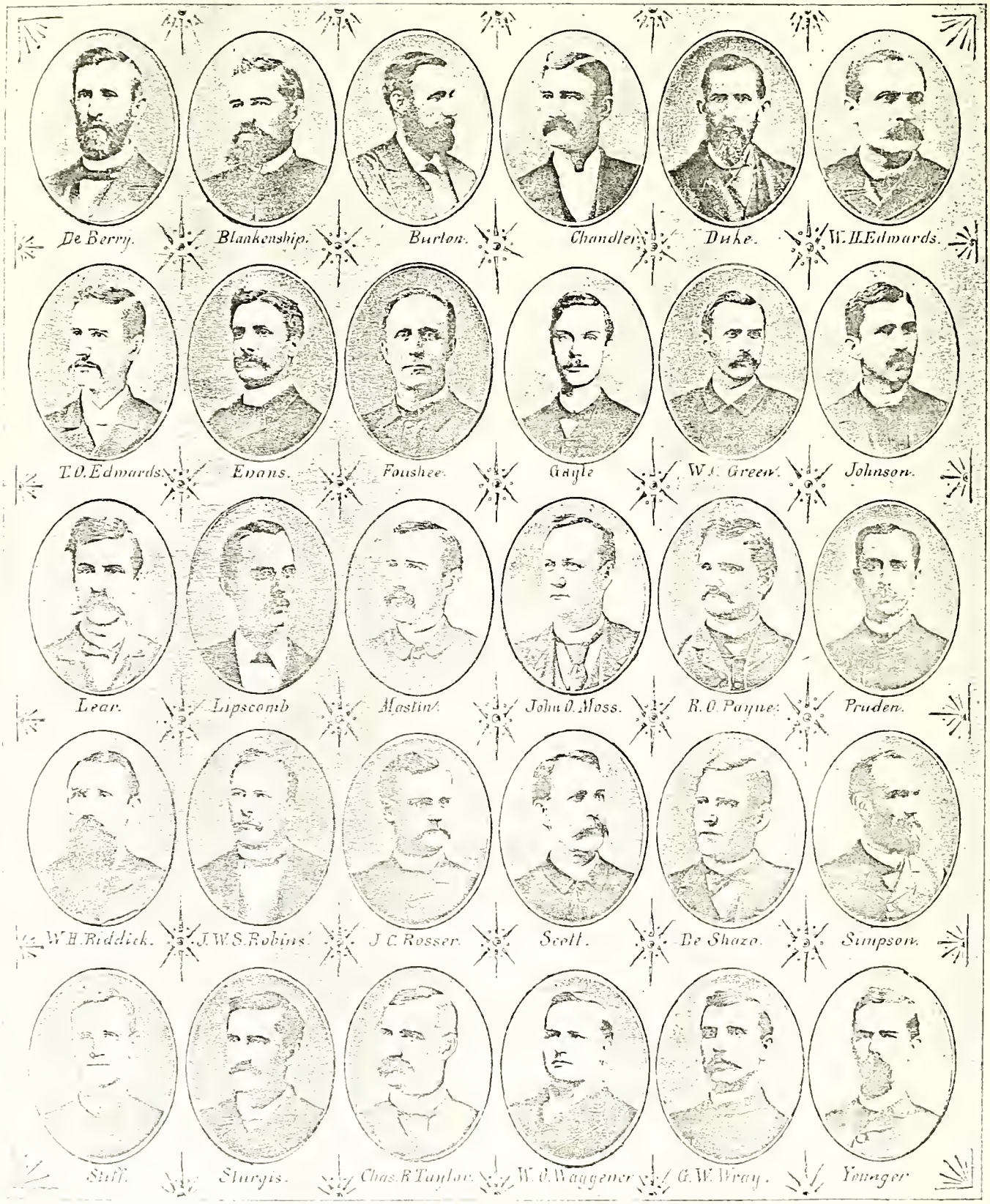
As a preacher, he seeks to reach the intellect, the conscience, the emotions, and thus the will, believing that the end to be accomplished by the sermon is to get men to act; to turn from sin to righteousness, from Satan to Christ.

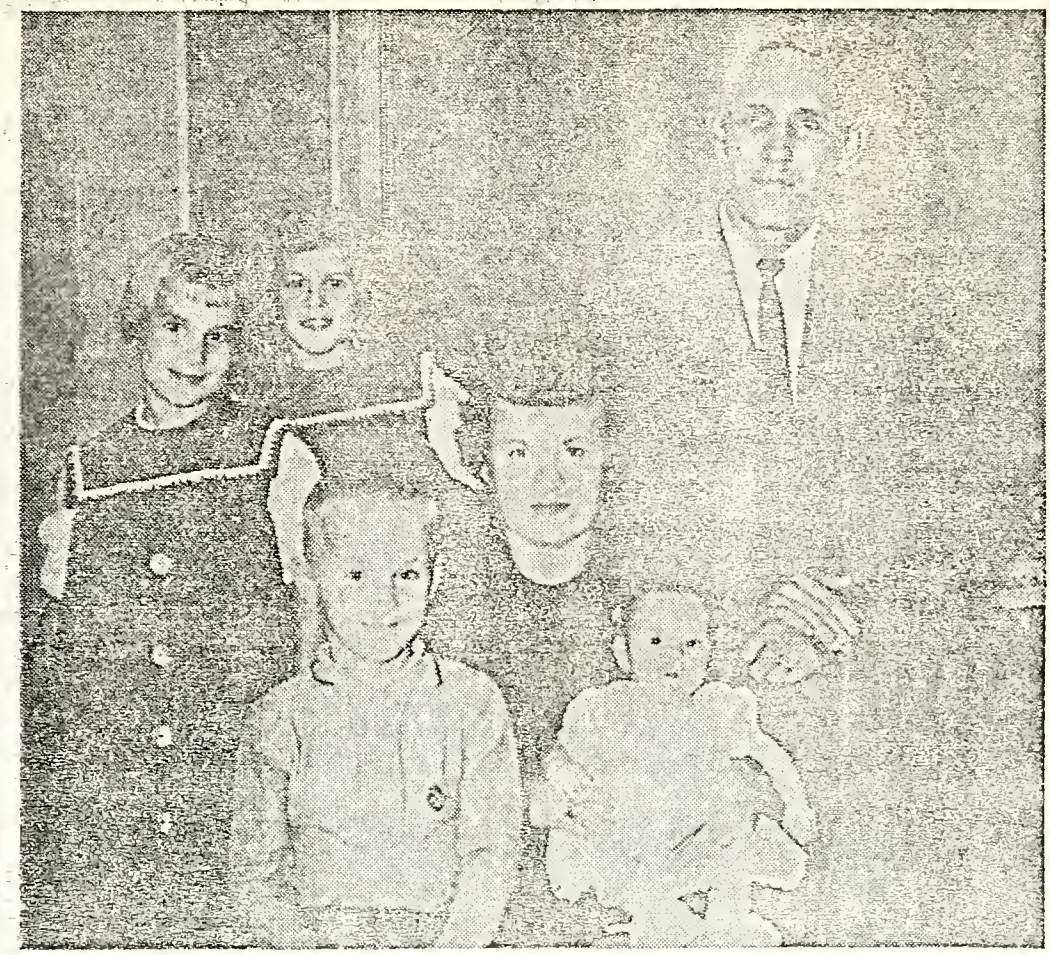
In preparation for the pulpit he uses the pencil and pen freely, first making a rough sketch, and then correcting, filling in and transcribing for future use. There may be successful extempore preachers, but he does not consider that he has ever seen one. In composing he is confined to no one plan, adopting the topical, expository and textual, seeking always to be practical. He uses illustrations as windows, to let in the light, or as harpoons to fasten the truth in the mind. He does not mention Huxley or Darwin or Spencer in the pulpit. He does not feel able to demolish them; neither does he believe that the discussion of their theories or vagaries is needed in preaching the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In the pulpit he is a man of moods, sometimes dull and dry. At other times, when the afflatus is upon him, he preaches with great power and in demonstration of the Spirit. When in the Spirit and at the throne he has power with God, and prevails.

In Church economy, he believes in the two-years system, and so far has rigidly adhered to his creed, but withholds an application of his theory to his present appointment for future consideration. He believes that a change could be made in our economy to a very great advantage to the Church by strengthening the Episcopacy, so that a Bishop could visit each charge once a year, and decreasing the number of Presiding Elders to at least half the present number, and let these be the "pick" of the choice men of the Conference.

Mr. Moss loves the country work, and would consider it an affliction to be sent to a city appointment. He is fond of the gun and fishing tackle, poultry-raising and agricultural pursuits. He also loves the simple manners of the country people, fresh air and fried chicken.


De Berry.
Blankenship.
Burton.
Chandler.
Duke.
W. H. Edwards.
T. D. Edwards.
Evans.
Foushee.
Gayle
W. L. Green.
Johnson.
Lear.
Lipscomb
Mastin.
John D. Moss.
R. O. Payne.
Pruden.
W. H. Riddick.
J. W. S. Robins.
J. C. Rosser.
Scott.
De Shazo.
Simpson.
Stiff.
Sturgis.
Chas. R. Taylor.
W. D. Waggener
G. W. Wray.
Younger



MINISTER, MISSUS AND CHILDREN—This is the family which occupies the Methodist parsonage at Woodland—the Rev. William (Billy) Herbert, his wife Tempie; daughters, Pamela and Karen (rear); son Bill, Jr., and baby Lori-Ann.

Meet The Minister

Young Pastor And Family Now Settled in Parsonage

By JOY GALLAGHER
Editor Times-News

WOODLAND—Up to a point William Herbert's life was typical. He was graduated from high school, went to work until Uncle Sam called, got married, had a child, was discharged from service after four years went back to his old job, had two more children, and eventually went into business for himself.

He was moderately successful he was married to the girl he loved and the father of three fine children. But Billy Herbert wasn't happy.

His wife, the former Tempie Joyner of Rocky Mount, explains it like this:

"Something kept nagging at Billy's mind and heart and he kept wrestling through sleepless night after another—until he finally gave into God and what He wanted him to do."

Billy Herbert gave up his business and started studying for the ministry at North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Tempie Herbert went to work to help support the family.

Soon the young ministerial student found a part-time job and things were easier. After two years he was named supply pastor for the Milwaukee Charge. Four months later, at the North Carolina Conference meeting last June, he was named pastor of the Hart-Speight Charge in Tarboro.

In June of 1963 he was named pastor of Woodland Methodist Church.

Now the family, with new baby Lori-Ann, who was born in July, are settled in thte pretty brick parsonage beside the church.

The other children are Pamela 9; Karen, 7; Bill, Jr., 5.

The Rev. Mr. Herbert, was born in Nash County and was graduated from Nashville High

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Woodland Methodist Church
Woodland, North Carolina
June 16, 1960

Dear Member(s):

Our second year as a station charge will end on Sunday, June 26. This year has been a fine one in the history of our church. We have fulfilled our responsibilities well and have had little difficulty in doing so. However, as in anything, there are times when we do not do as well as we should. Now is such a time. We are not in a good financial condition. As Annual Conference approaches, we must all work together if we are to be able to report a successful year for our church. The support of each of us is necessary. It is our duty as Christians and as members of the Woodland Methodist Church to see that our church terminates this year in good financial standing.

At the present, we have approximately two hundred dollars ($200.00) in our treasury. We have bills amounting to approximately six hundred dollars ($600.00). These bills include a quarterly payment due the Conference for three hundred and eighteen dollars ($318.00), a bill of one hundred and four dollars and eighty-one cents ($104.81) from Barnes-Sawyer for shingles used in covering the church, a bill for fire insurance, a bill from the Methodist Publishing House for Vacation Church School materials and other local bills. We have two more Sundays, the last two in June, to meet these financial obligations. It is not likely that our regular offerings on these two days will be sufficient. Therefore, on Monday evening of this week the Official Board voted to ask each adult member of the church to give at least five dollars ($5.00) in order to raise the necessary amount.

A member of the Official Board will be calling on you in the next day or so to ask you to give this money. Let each of us give at least five dollars ($5.00) gladly. It is our church, yours and mine. We should count it a privilege to support it.

Sincerely yours,

P. W. Taylor

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Pictures of some of the Pastors

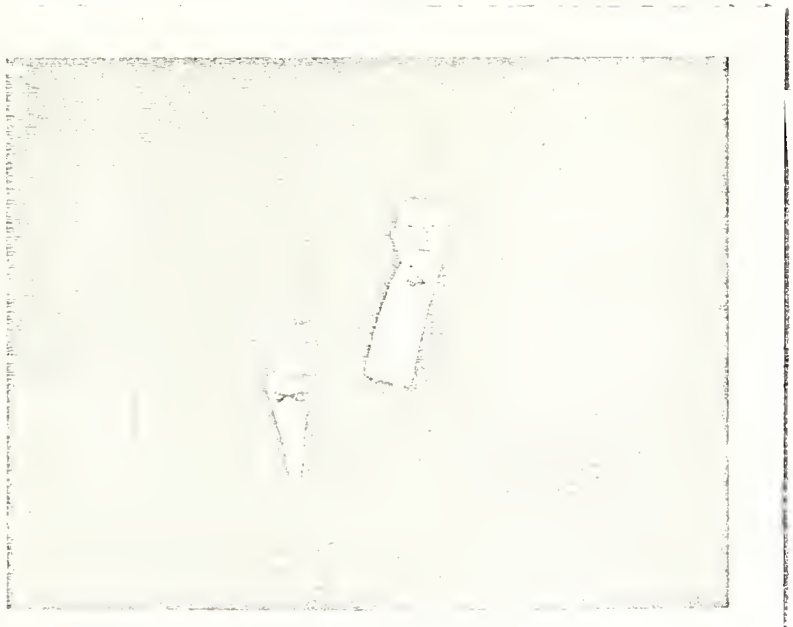
Rev. and Mrs. Ezra Earl Jones
with Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Simmons 1965



Rev. P. L. Moore



The Rev. C.N. Burgess
with Tony McDowell





THE KIMSEY KING FAMILY

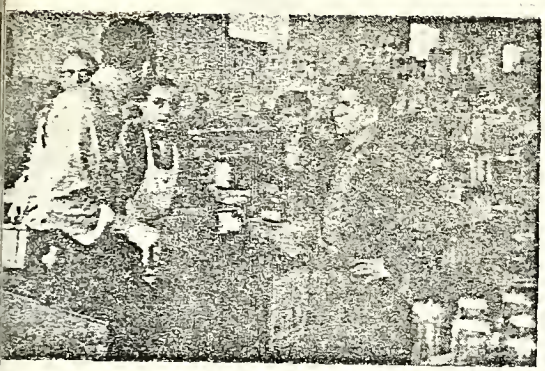




Pumpkins

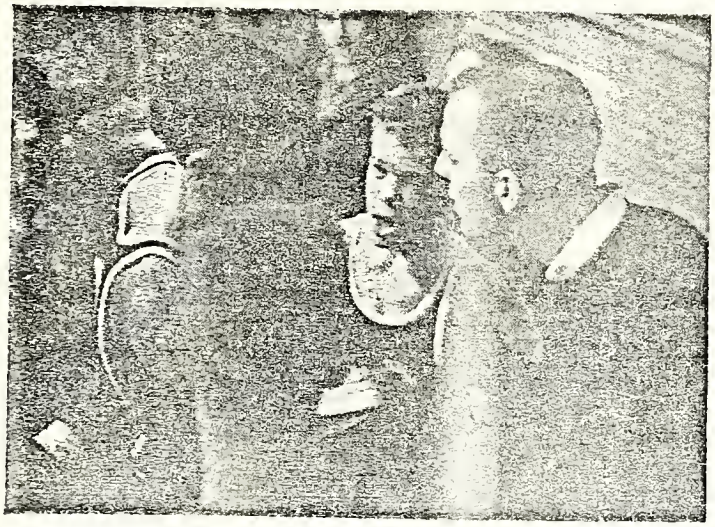
Rev. Dick Shannonhouse, Woodland Methodist minister, is right pleased with his first efforts as a gardener as he here shows off his pumpkins. He gives a lot of credit to his wife.

May 1960





Moore arrives at his apartment in the school teacherage, late Friday afternoon.



Bob drives the high-school basketball team to their weekend out-of-town games, where he will yell louder than the teen-age spectators.

STUDENT MINISTER

The ladies of the local old folks' home enjoy a joke with Bob whom they call "our little preacher." He also visits hospitals, shut-ins.



By DECATUR RIGGS

PHOTOS BY LEONARD KAMSLER

A FELICITOUS ARRANGEMENT that can't be beat is that of the student minister for a small, struggling church. Consider: the congregation gets a pastor for the weekend—which is perhaps all they need, certainly all they can afford. The student gets invaluable practical experience, and exactly on those days when he is free from his academic studies.

Thus the deal works both ways, and everybody is happy. Especially so are the good folks of little Woodland Methodist Church in North Carolina. For 75 years this dedicated congregation has successfully fought to stay alive.

Now they have a hard-working pastor, for more than two full days a week, who has won the hearts of everyone, young and old.

New members have been added to the rolls, attendance at services has increased threefold, nominal members have been reactivated. Two fine choirs have been organized. The young people's group has been stirred up and its membership has increased.

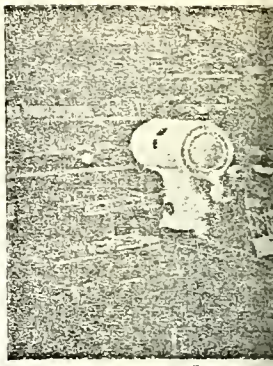
As for "Preacher Bob" (Robert L. Moore, Rutherfordton, N.C.), although still a student, he yet has his own church. He is a spiritual shepherd for two full days a week and performs every ministry for his small flock that an unordained minister can do.

Bob is a divinity student at Duke U., Durham, N. C. Every Friday at 3 p.m. he makes the 120 miles to Woodland in his '54 Chevy; he returns for classes at 2 p.m. Monday. He's already made Phi Beta Kappa.

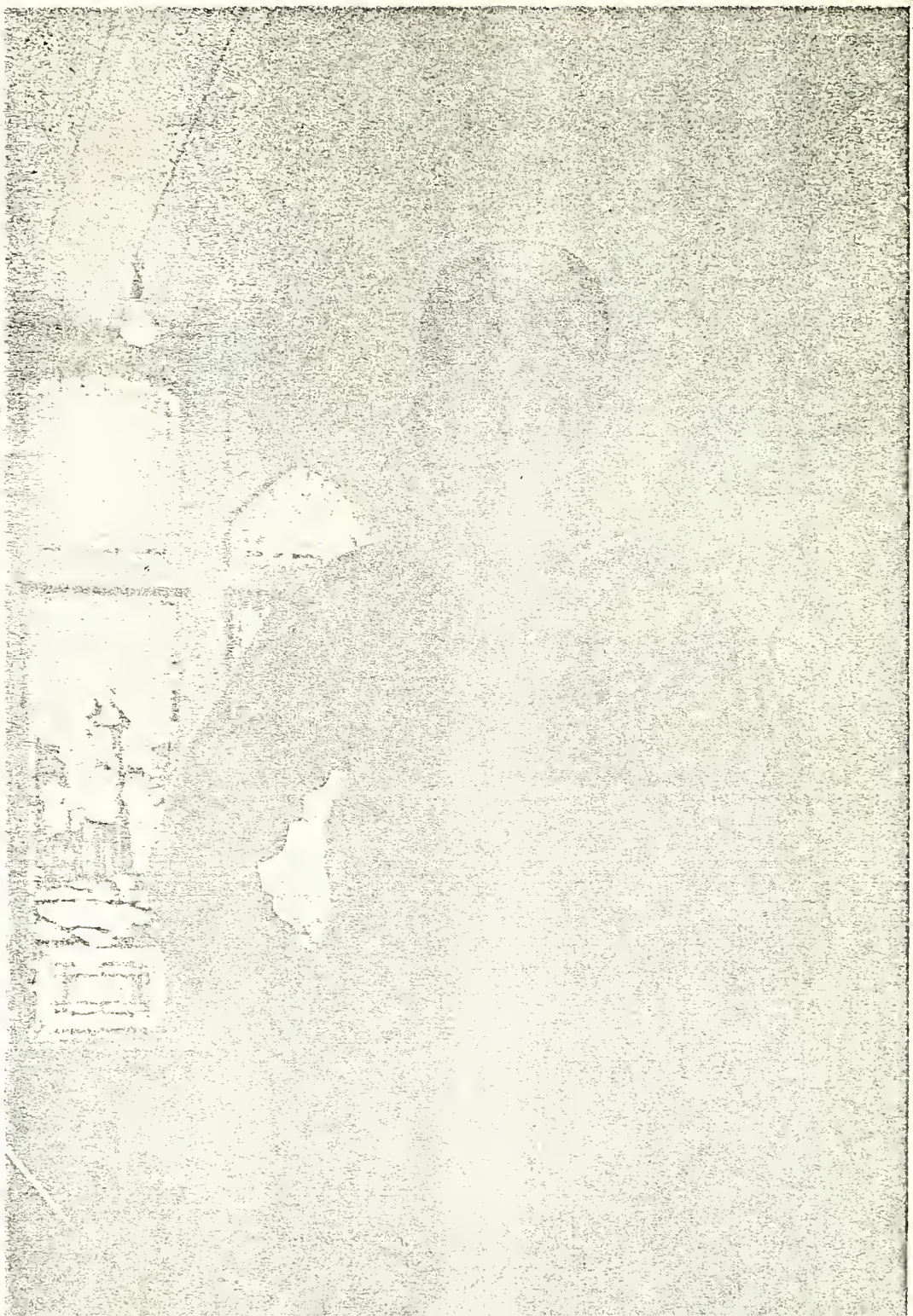
Young, husky, Bob looks more like a football fullback than a pastor—which gave him immediate acceptance by the young people. His know-how and consecration have won him the respect and gratitude of all the other members of this small, inspiring church. ■



Late Saturday night in pastor's apartment: folding bulletins; "pop," cookies, talk. Bob Moore sits at lower right.



Liveman's grocery store in Woodland. Bob drops in every day to chat and get news of folks of the little community.



On Saturday afternoon Bob Moore practices his sermon in the now empty place of worship. Sunday finds him prepared.

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Dedication Woodland Methodist Church

Sunday June 18th, 8:00 P. M.

Services Being Arranged By the Pastor, Rev. E. C. Crawford

The Woodland Methodist Church, Woodland, N. C., will be dedicated Sunday, June 18, 8:00 P. M. The church was built in 1926-27, during the pastorate of the late Rev. Rufus Bradley, at a cost of approximately $10,000.00 About $4,000.00 of this amount was donated in 1926 by members and friends of the church, the other $6,000.00 was borrowed from the Jefferson Standard Life Ins. Co Every year since 1926 the small but active membership of the church has paid from $400 00 to $600.00 dollars on this debt. The payment last fall of the last $345.00 indebtedness on the church made it ready for dedication. The heroic struggle of a faithful membership to pay off this indebtedness makes the dedication a great event for the congregation.

The pastor, Rev. E. C. Crawford, is preparing memograph copies of a brief history of the church to give out at the afternoon service. Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn will be the main speaker in the 3:00 o'clock service in the afternoon. Dr. M. T. Plyler, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, will also make a short talk. At 8:00 o'clock in the evening Bishop W. W. Peele will preach the dedicatory sermon. The Bishop will be accompanied by District Supt. Rev. L. C. Larkin, of Rocky Mount. The Woodland Church will have the distinction of being the first church ever dedicated in North Carolina by a North Carolina Methodist Bishop,

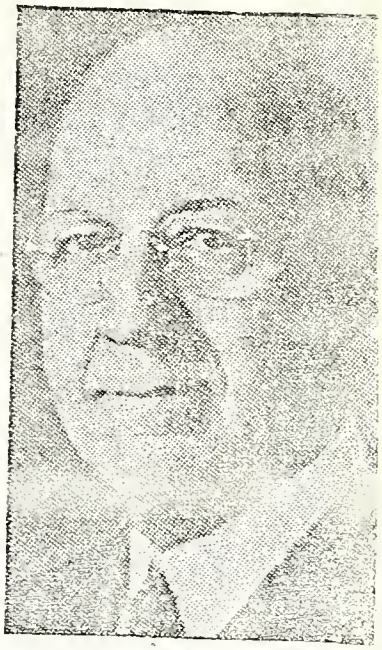


Rev. E. C. Crawford



Woodland Methodist Church

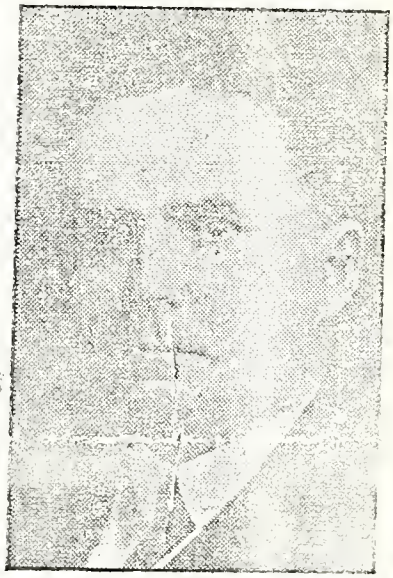
Dedicates Woodland Churc



BISHOP W. W. PEELE

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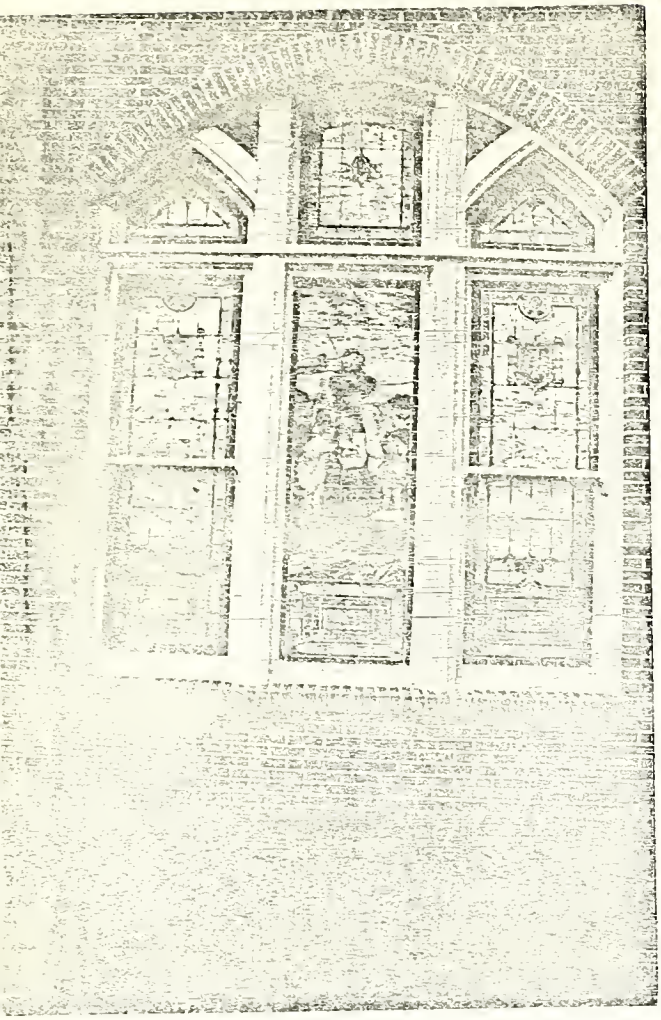
PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT WOODLAND SUNDAY

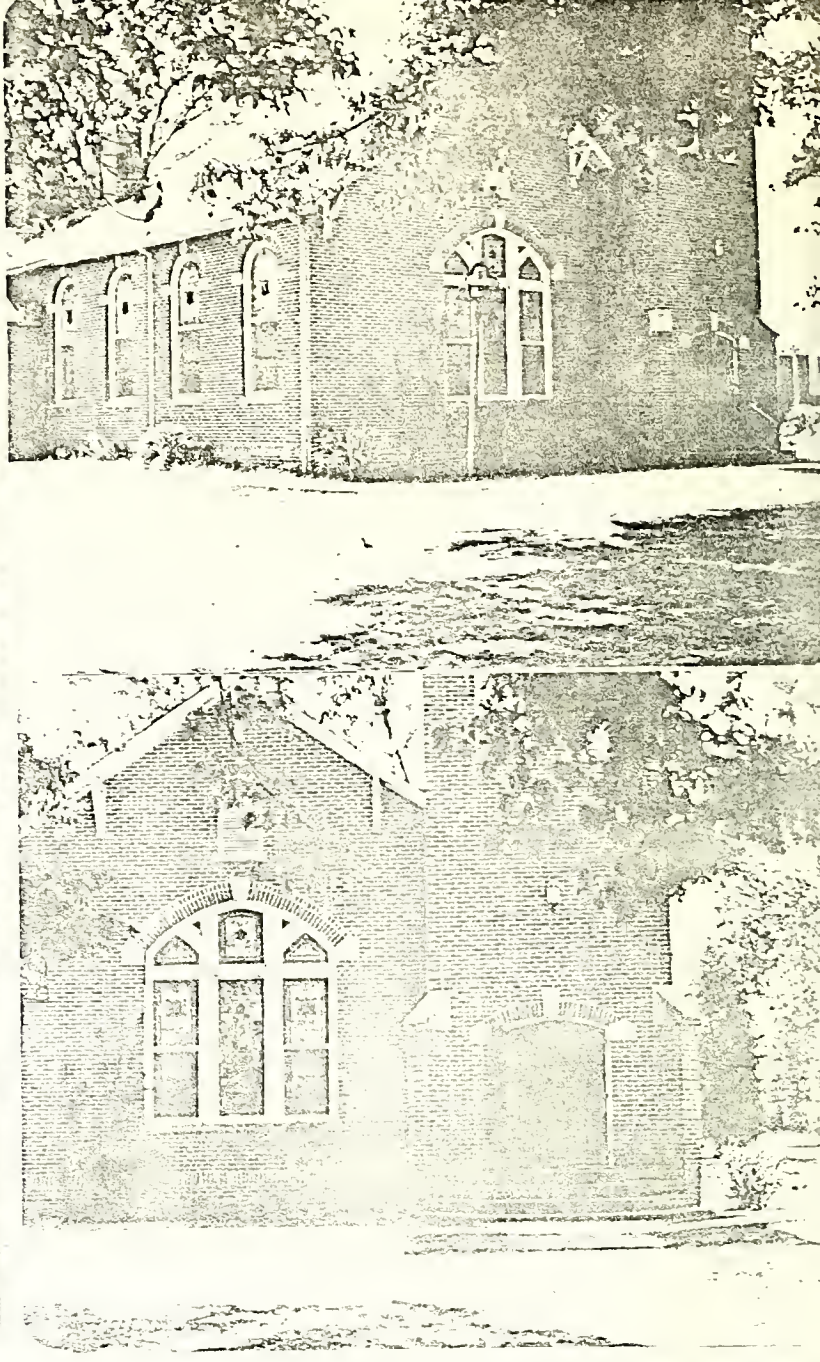


JUDGE W. H. S. BURGWYN

Who will be the main speaker at

The Second Building
Built 1927 Dedicated 1939





Steady Progress Shown By Woodland Methodist Church

1953

WOODLAND, Dec. 24—Marking steady but substantial progress and improvement over the past few years, the Woodland Methodist Church has over this short period installed a new electric organ, a new gas heating system, a complete re-carpeting of the entire auditorium and a beautiful new mahogany altar and lovely altar service.

All of these additions and improvements have taken place during the past five to six years and their total cost go into several thousand dollars. They bring the present overall value of the entire plant to about $40,000.

The latest of these improvements is the new gas heating system which was installed during the past winter. The new system replaced the old oil heaters and cost around $1,000.

Two years ago the entire auditorium was re-carpeted, adding not only warmth but beauty and quietness to the church sanctum. This improvement cost several hundred dollars.

The new electric organ was purchased and installed about three years ago at a total cost of about $2,500. The organist is Mrs. Judson J. Carter, who is also music teacher at the Woodlawn-Olney High School.

About five years ago a beautiful mahogany altar and a lovely altar service were given at the same time to the church as memorials. The altar was given by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn Sr., in honor of his wife. Mrs. Burgwyn is a long-time and devoted member of the church, although her husband is not a member.

The lovely altar service was given by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Elliott in honor of their son, T. B. Elliott Jr., who was lost in action over the Mediterranean Sea near Italy during the last World War. Young Elliott was lost in 1944 on his 63rd and last mission of the U. S. Air Corps.

The auditorium, of brick veneer construction, was built around 1928 and replaced an old frame building built around 1905 when the church organization was first established. Six Sunday school classrooms, also of the same material, have been added onto the auditorium much more recently. These rooms are also centrally heated by the new system.

A distinctive feature of the auditorium is that all the windows are stained or colored and that these were part of the building when it was constructed. They were all given individually by members of the church as memorials to me bers of their families and form members of the church.

The total present membership the church is reported to be arou 130 with about 100 of these acti and living within the area serv by the church.

The Sunday school has an rollment of around 110 membe and an average attendance of twecn 65 and 70. The present s erintendent is Tillman W. Cool

Former State Senator W. H. Burgwyn Jr., now Northamp County Recorder's Court solicit is teacher of the Men's Bible Cla

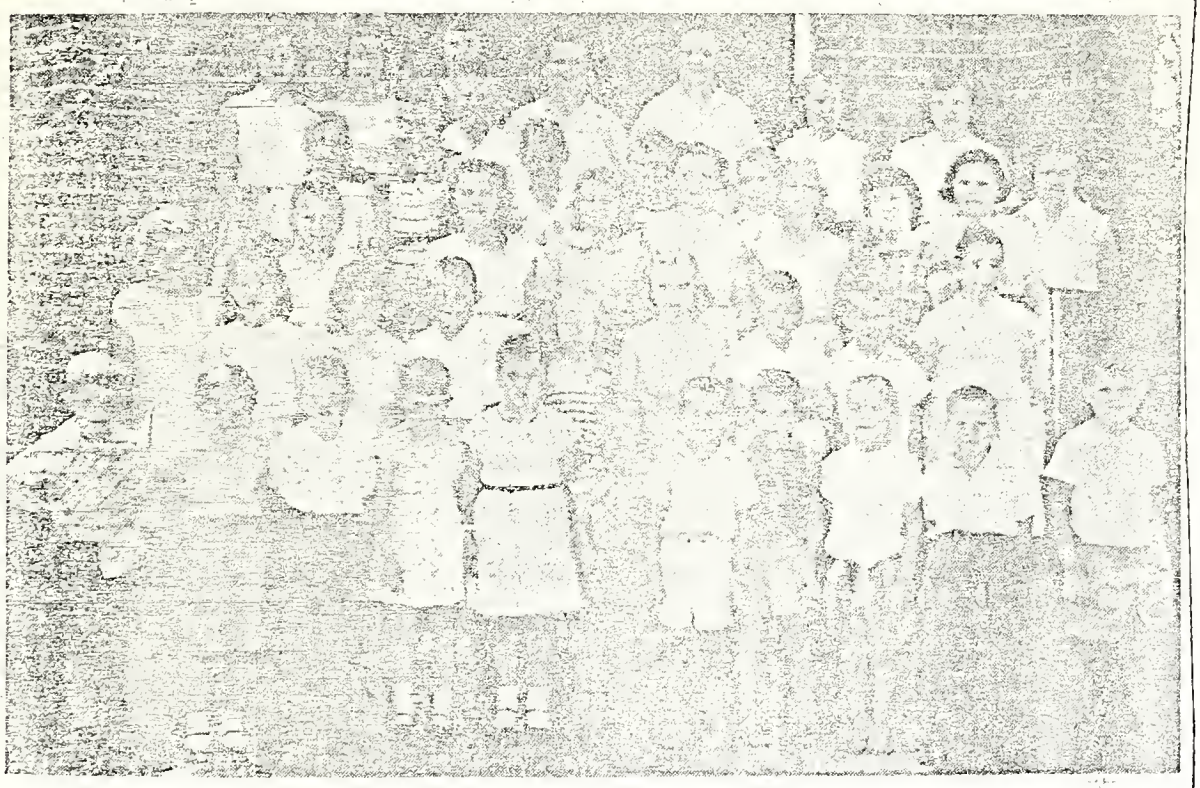
The church auditorium is of distinctive type of architecture, can be seen from the picture abo It is unusually quiet and cool the subdued light produced by stained windows adds greatly the worshipful qualities of the se ices.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR 1954



Bible school R.W. Pritchard Pastor 1954 -1957

Bible School to End Friday at Woodland Methodist



Woodland.— The Woodland Methodist Bible School began Monday morning and will last throughout the week.

General officers are the Rev. R. W. Pritchard, pastor; Mrs. Jack Delavey, superintendent; P. W. Taylor, craft teacher; Mrs. R. W. Pritchard, music director.

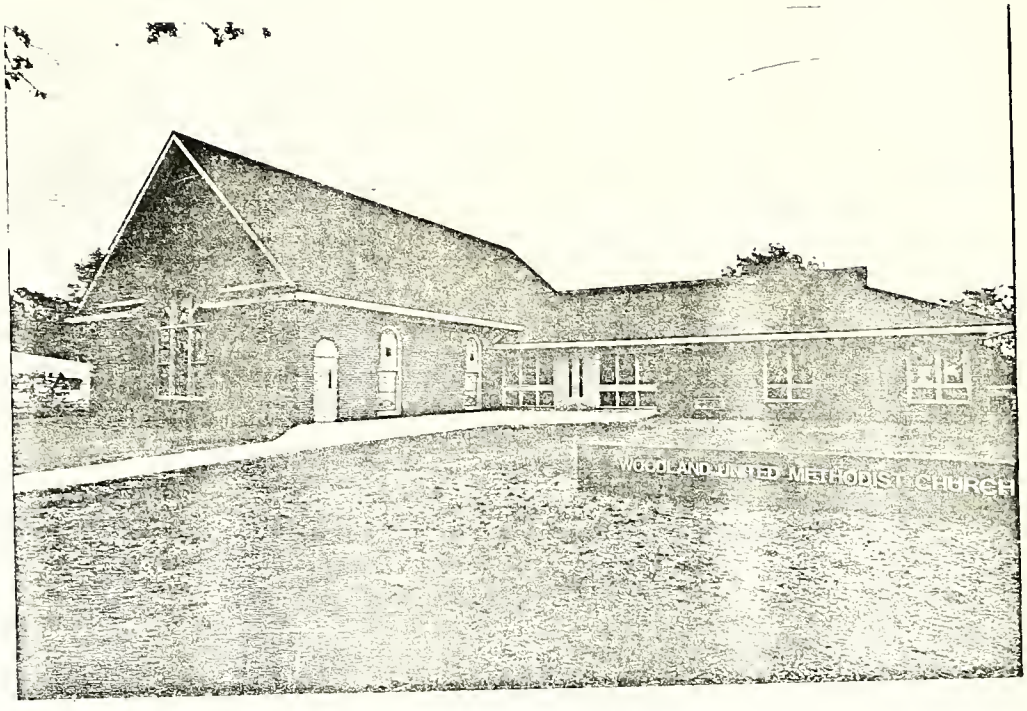
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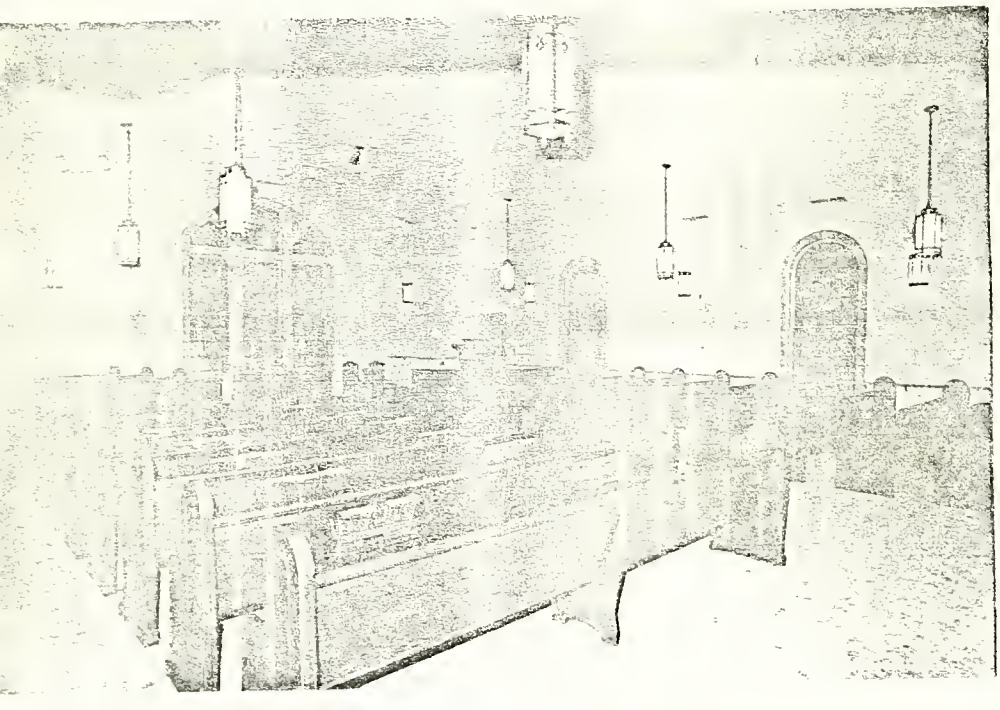
Beginners: Mrs. R. W. Pritchard, Mrs. Doris Brown, Miss Judy Futrell, Miss Mary Bolton, teachers; Ann Burgwyn, Tony McDowell, Ricky Taylor, John Thomas, Walter Jessup, Ginger Brittle, Lynn Bazemore, Jack Boyce, Jimmy Boyce, Gilbert Bland, Edward Bryant, students;

Primary: Miss Mary Ellen Carter, Mrs. John Stanley, Miss Shirley Bryant, teachers; Linda Bryant, Tildon Brittle, Wynne Taylor, Rebecca Brown, Richard Bolton, Margaret Burgwyn, Helen Futrell, Freddie Outland, Fran Powell, Randy Powell, Carolyn Joyner, Myra Jessup, Steve Thomas, Virginia Pritchard, Larry Bryant, students;

Juniors; Mrs. Marion Thomas, Mrs. Cecil Powell, Mrs. T. B. Elliott, teachers; Nancy Bolton, Cecil Brown, Simon Askew, Donna Delavey, Clara Mae Futrell, Martha Harden, Susan Jessup, Charles Lane, Ruth Leggett, Frances Jean Powell, Martha Pritchard, Sarah Lee Whitaker, students;

The Third Building
Built 1982
Using the Pews,Lights, and Stained Glass Windows
From the Second Church







September 1982

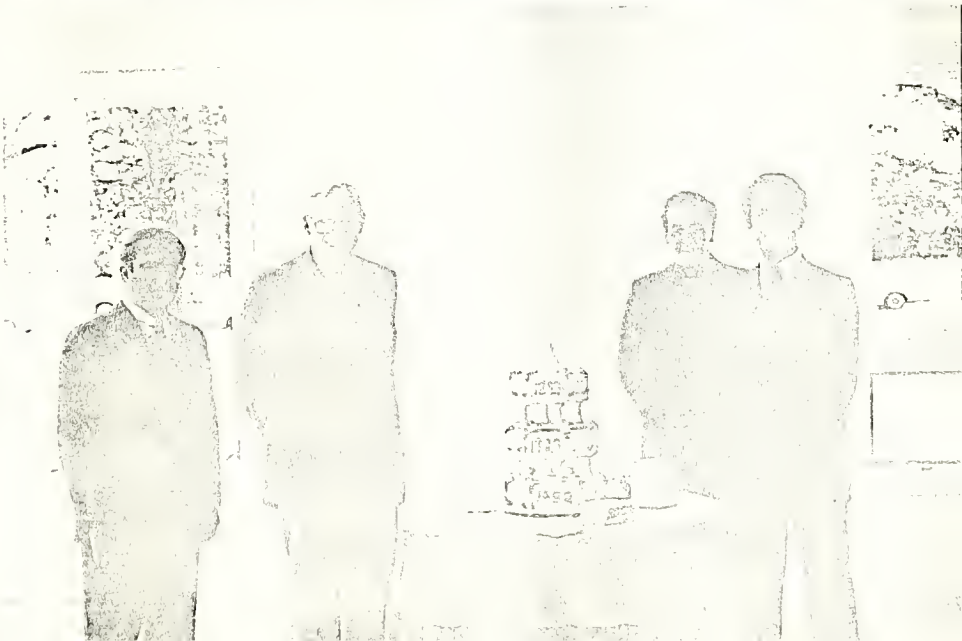
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Bill Burgwyn
Jane Wells
Neva Stanley
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Gladys Powell
Majorie Elliott
Donald Parker
Bud Powell
Norman Flythe
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Chairman of Ad Board
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Chairman of Trustees
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Jack L. Hunter,D.S
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John Jay Jansen,Pastor
Ezra Earl Jones,
Secretary of Board
of Discipleship



Dear Woodland United Methodist Church,

Congratulations on your 100th anniversary celebration of the charge. I might add that it is quite an honor to have been affiliated with the Woodland charge. I have been informed, by Rev. Flythe, that I am the only known member of the Woodland charge that has recieved the call to pursue the ordained ministry. Therefore, in order to do my part in the celebration of the 100th anniversary, Rev. Flythe has suggested that I submit a letter describing the events and influencing factors of how I was led to go into the ministry.

The first and foremost influencing factor upon me has been the Christian ideals that have been ingrained in me, by my family. In my teen years, my mother never forced me to attend any worship services; this allowed me to grow in spirit as well as in faith. Then and only then was I able to realize the true loving nature of Christ. Another factor that also influenced me was the Christian nuture of the people at Woodland UMC. One seldom realizes the impact on others that he or she has. This is true not only by word, but even more so by one's acts. We must remember that as Christians, we are representatives of Christ to our neighbors, therefore; the things that we say and do can influence others grately.

When we moved to Woodland, we were greeted by only one pastor. That pastor was Wayne Grigg. I am deeply indebted to Wayne. Through Wayne, I realized that I could accept Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. While Wayne was in Woodland, he encouraged me to become active in the life of the church. That year I was elected president of the Sub-District youth, and I served on various other local committees. By holding these offices I was becoming more and more interested in how the church "worked".

By the time Dick Shamenhouse was appointed to the Woodland charge, I knew in my heart that I wanted to become a minister. Dick helped me work toward that goal. He helped me enter Methodist College. At Methodist, I graduated with a 3.08 average and was awarded the Plyler-Knott Award for academic excellence and for showing great promise in the field of Religion.

In 1978 and 1979, I was your Lay Delegate to the Annual Conference. At Conference, I served both years as the Lay Teller from the Rocky Mt. District. Through Conference, I had the opportunity to make lasting friends that are my brothers in Christ. This also has had a profound influence upon my call.

I believe that God will "open doors" for us to enter. These "doors" will invariably come at a time when there is a definate crossroads-type situation in our lives. It is left up to us to choose which

doors we shall enter. I truly believe that God has opened the doors for me at the right times in my life. God is active in our lives if we let Him be! You can see that my call into the ministry has not been a lightning bolt experience, but a gradual molding and shaping call. To me this type of call is so much more meaningful because it shows God's "nurturing activeness" in our lives.

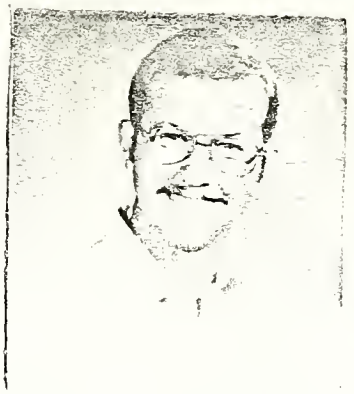
Thank you Woodland UMC, for being such an active influence upon me. May God bless you all and I pray that your next 100 years will be as prosperous as the past ones have been!

Grace and Peace,

Brian Wingo

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Editorial note: Brian and his wife Norma are planing to go to Seminary together and they will go out from her church formally but we shall watch their careers with interest and pride and always welcome them with joy when they can be with us.



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The building of the third church was like the building of the first church an adventure of faith. There were many who felt it could not be done. The building of the third church has led me to understand the building of the first and second. Faith plus works with each contributing as much as possible in money,time and energy. The cooperation of the whole congregation and of the community has been a marvelous .

The first church was built with a debt of $500,the second with a debt of $5000.00 and the third with a debt of $50,000.00. However we plan to pay this off in 10 years at about $700 per month. The total cost of the third church is close to $224,000 if we count donated labor on the parking lot and the lawn. Duke foundation will have paid something like $54,000.00 when they make their final payment this fall. The ten dollar club gave us $10,000 and the North Carolina Conference mission Board gave $1,000.00. Some of us who think the Lord might want us before 10 years is up have given instructions to our executors to see that the building fund receives the amount which we intended to give had we survived.

There are still things that need to be done. We need to repair the Carrilon . This probably will cost one to two thousands. We need to build a storage building. We need to provide better lighting to the Parking lot. We need to enlarge the parking lot. There is still a need for any gifts which friends are led to make.

As Editor, I want to pay tribute to the leadership of the pastor, Johnn Jay Jansen. John has spent many hours in the various meetings which were necessary with the building committee,Architech,District Supt.,Builder and individuals . He never doubted that it could be built altho it was about 15 months later than he first thought before the first service was held in the building. I think every family in the church has had a part in the effort to raise funds for this building. We are happy that we could use the Windows and lights and pews from the second church.

In 1958 Woodland became a station church with the appointment of the Reverend R.L. Moore. During his pastorate the parsonage was built. This again was an act of faith. I am told that some were faint-hearted until one member of the board said," when I need a car,I go to the bank and borrow the money with the faith that I will be able to pay it back" and if we vote to do this, I will go to the bank and borrow my part in faith that I will be able to pay it back". It is said that half of the money was pledged that night. The parsonage was completed in 1961 and the Reverend and Mrs. Ezra Earl Jones were the first occupants.

In 1970 ,the reverend Kimsey King was appointed the first full-time minister. Due to Mr. King's having to be confined to a wheel chair,many things had to be done in both church and parsonage to accomodate him. However many things were accomplished during his ministry. The conference paid a part of his support.

In June of 1983 we again are stepping out on faith with the reverend John Jay Jansen going from Student Pastor to full time pastor without conference aid. This calls for additional giving by each member.

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